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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Each year the Quakertown Community School District administers standardized tests to students at various grade levels. We believe that the information from standardized tests can be of value to students, parents, teachers, and administrators. We realize that each standardized test that we administer is only a "snapshot" in time of the student's overall performance. However, this "snapshot," along with other data, can be used to provide a more complete picture of each student. Information from standardized tests can also assist the district in reviewing and revising our curriculum.

Some of the assessments that we administer are part of those required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; thus, we have developed the district assessment plan to include the state assessments. The following is an overview of the Quakertown Community School District's Standardized Assessments for the 2011-2012 school year:

- State writing, mathematics, science, and reading assessment re-takes in grade 12 **will be administered during the weeks of October 24 and October 31, 2011.**
- State mathematics and reading assessments in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 will be administered **March 12 through March 23, 2012.**
- State writing assessment in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be administered **during the week of April 16, 2012.**
- State science assessment in grades 4, 8, and 11 will be administered **during the week of April 23, 2012.**
- Make-ups for mathematics and reading will be administered **during the week of March 26, 2012;** for writing and science **during the week of April 30, 2012.**
- The PLAN assessment will be given to grade 9 students in **Spring 2011.**
- The PSAT will be given to grade 10 & 11 students on **October 12, 2011.**

Attendance during these testing periods is vital.

Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor or building principal if you have any questions about our standardized testing program.

Sincerely,



Kathy Metrick
Assistant Superintendent