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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Schools
Principals of Public, Religious, and Independent Schools
Leaders of Charter Schools

FROM: Zachary Warner

SUBJECT: Suspension of the Spring 2020 Grades 3–8 English Language Arts Test Shipments and Computer-based Test Window Opening

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has suspended the shipments of Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) Tests that were originally scheduled to arrive in schools March 16-18. This action was taken in response to the school and district closures due to COVID-19. The opening of the computer-based testing window for ELA, scheduled for March 23, has been suspended as well.

This situation is evolving rapidly, and NYSED is currently working on its plans for the State assessments. The Office of State Assessment will continue to communicate with schools and districts as more information becomes available. During the time of closure, schools need not focus on State assessments and can devote their efforts toward local school and community needs.

Please call the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5902 or email emscassessinfo@nysed.gov if you have questions related to this matter.