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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) grades 3 – 8 between the dates of April 17, 2018 and May 22, 2018.

Federal law requires all States that receive funds under Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to implement in each school district in the State a set of high-quality academic assessments that includes, at a minimum, assessments in mathematics and reading/language arts administered in each of grades 3 through 8 and in science not less than once during grades 3 through 5, grades 6 through 9. Furthermore, ESSA sections 1111(b)(3)(C)(i) and (ix)(I) require State assessments to ‘be the same academic assessments used to measure the achievement of all children’ and ‘provide for the participation in such assessments of all students’.

State assessments are an important part of a student’s core educational program. They provide an evaluation of student mastery of content and skills in various academic areas, serve as a tool for measuring the degree to which students are on track to graduate high school, college and career-ready and help inform future instruction in the classroom. Along with student work on classroom assignments, projects, essays and local assessments, State assessment results give teacher important information about where students are on their path toward academic success.

The testing times for the NH SAS are as follows:

<b>Grades 3 – 8</b>	<b>Allotted Times</b>
English Language Arts/Reading	2 hours
English Language Arts/Writing	2 hours
Mathematics	2 hours
<b>Grades 5 &amp; 8</b>	
Science	2 hours

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, you may contact Mrs. Lavallee at mlavallee@sau15.net. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this assessment administration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert St. Cyr  
Principal