## **Barker Central School**

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To Parents/Guardians:

This letter is meant to provide families with information regarding New York State Assessments and Regents Exams.

In regards to the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade English and Math assessments, the state is still planning on administering these in the spring. Barker CSD will be administering these via Computer-Based Testing (CBT). This means that students will be doing these assessments on their school-issued devices instead of by paper/pencil. To get students used to the format, as well as test our technology, we will be doing a short practice simulation next Tuesday, January 11. This is strictly practice and is meant to work out any issues with our system. It has no effect on students' grades/achievement. This should only take 30-45 minutes.

As for Regents Exams at the high school level, New York State decided to cancel the January administration of the exams right before the holiday break. This primarily affected students who were scheduled to take the English Regents, which are those who are enrolled in English 11. The June administration is still scheduled and all students in Regents-bearing courses are being prepared for those exams. If the state decides to cancel the June administration, we will provide students and families with the updated information at that time.

Thank you for your continued support of the district during these ever-changing times.

Sincerely, Michael Carter District Principal