March 26, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On April 5, 2018, the East Stroudsburg Area School District will be assessing all second grade students using the Otis Lennon School Ability Test, 8th Edition (OLSAT). Make-up testing will be administered on April 6, 2018. The OLSAT is a group-administered assessment that evaluates students’ thinking skills and provides an understanding of their relative strengths and weaknesses in performing a variety of reasoning tasks. The information allows educators to design educational programs that will enhance students’ strengths while supporting their learning needs.

OLSAT-8 specifically assesses those abilities that are required for success in school. Tasks such as detecting similarities and differences, recalling words and numbers, defining words, following directions, classifying, establishing sequence, solving mathematical problems, and completing analogies are included.

The OLSAT is a timed multiple-choice test taking approximately one hour to administer. We shall be scheduling appropriate breaks during the assessment. We are expecting to receive all student results by the end of the school year. At that time, the results will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact your child’s principal or guidance counselor. Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child gets a good night’s rest and healthy breakfast in preparation for this assessment.

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Moran
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Grades K-12