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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Math tests for grades 3 through 8 will be given in April 2015. New York State requires that the Brentwood School District offer these tests to our students in grades 3 through 8. Recently, we have received inquiries from some parents who wish to opt their children out of these tests. While the District is required to offer the tests, students are not required to take them. (Unlike Regents exams at the High School level, these tests are not required for graduation.)

The Brentwood School District will respect the wishes of parents/guardians in this matter and students who opt-out will not be subject to any penalty or disciplinary action. The District will provide appropriate alternative learning opportunities for students whose parents have submitted a refusal letter to the principal of their child's school.

The Brentwood School District, as always, is committed to honoring parent/guardian requests concerning their children's education within the framework and regulations of New York State Educational Law and is always focused on what is in the best interest of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph C. Bond'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'J' and 'B'.

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