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Dear Parents or Guardians,

This year, we will administer the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in English Language Arts and Mathematics to students in grades 3 through 8. We will also administer the PSSA in Science to students in grades 4 and 8. Students will take the assessments electronically.

The PSSA will be administered on the following dates:

- April 22-24 – English Language Arts
- April 29 and 30 – Mathematics
- May 6 and 7 – Science

The purpose of these assessments are to:

- Measure individual student performance.
- Identify how well Council Rock students are performing in the standards identified by the PA Department of Education.
- Plan for future school programs, curriculum development, and staff training.
- Inform our community about academic progress.

Additional information may be found on the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions flyer.

While all students are required to participate, parents or guardians may elect to have their child excused from testing if, upon inspection of the testing materials, they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. This is the only basis for a parent/guardian to excuse his/her child from the assessments. **Such requests should be made in writing to your building principal by Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, so that a time can be scheduled for your review of the assessment(s).

If you should have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Albert R. Funk  
Director of Secondary Education, Grades 7-12

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