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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Enclosed is an information sheet written by the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the PSSA testing that will be administered state-wide from April 3 through May 5, 2017. Students in grades 3-8 will take the English/Language Arts and Mathematics assessments. In addition, students in grade 4 and 8 will take the science assessment. You will receive information from your school principal as to the exact dates of the testing for your child.

The PSSA measures the critical concepts, skills and knowledge that the District integrates into classroom experiences for all of our students. Each assessment asks students to apply what they know. Successfully demonstrating the ability to apply concepts is a skill highly valued by higher education and employers. Therefore, it is important for Penn-Delco graduates to consistently demonstrate this ability.

The PSSA is also a vital measure of how well each of our students is performing in alignment to Pennsylvania's core standards. The tests are used to determine the academic performance of our schools and regionally how well the performance of our students compares to other districts locally and throughout the state. Help us communicate to your child the importance of these assessments.

Please read the enclosed information carefully. We need your support to ensure that students are well rested and prepared for a challenging assessment schedule. For our part, we are working every day to provide multiple opportunities for all students to achieve at high levels.

If you have any questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.

Sincerely,

Richard Gregg
Assistant Superintendent

Enclosures