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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Again, this year, Pennsylvania Department of Education (“PDE”) will be using the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) alternate assessment to use for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The DLM assessment provides academic standards that are used to measure academic achievement for students who are eligible for the alternate assessment. Throughout this school year in Port Allegany your child will be provided academic instruction in English language arts, mathematics, and science using the PDE standards.

In the spring, during our state’s assessment window, your child will take testlets. These testlets will be in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Each testlet includes questions from one or more of the standards that your child’s teacher used for instruction during the school year. The spring assessment window for our state is March 5, 2023 – May 15, 2023. Your eligible child’s teacher will be administering the PASA from **Tuesday, March 28 through Thursday, March 30, 2023.**

During the spring assessment window, the number of testlets and the approximate length of time for testing may vary depending on the subject, the grade level, and each student’s individual needs. The materials used in the testlets can be adapted to your child’s needs. The testlets must be completed during our state’s assessment window, but your child may take the testlets over a period of several days during that window as needed.

We anticipate that testing time will be as follows:


Subject Area Tested	Number of Testlets	Approximate length of time, depending on grade level and student’s individual needs
English language arts	9 testlets	90–135 minutes
Mathematics	6–8 testlets	60–120 minutes
Science	9–10 testlets	90–140 minutes

Your child’s results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107–346).

If you would like additional information about the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment, please visit <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>. If you have questions, please contact me at 814-642-2544 or via e-mail goliver@pasdedu.org.

We are excited that our district will take part in the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment again this year, and we are very pleased that your child will be participating.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Oliver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Oliver
Student Services Coordinator