

School Closed for William Floyd Students K-12 on May 11, 2010

The New York State Education Department has scheduled State assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics for all students in grades 3-8 within a short timeframe from late April through early May. This change makes the grading of these exams in a timely and restricted manner a challenging task. Although there is no easy answer, the district has implemented the best possible solution to ensure the continuity of valued classroom instruction.

The scoring of these assessments must follow State protocol which involves approximately 30 teachers at each grade level for six or more days for each exam. Due to the fact that the district would not be able to secure enough substitutes, our students' instruction would be compromised.

In order to maintain a consistent instructional program and to reduce costs to the district, **we have designated May 11, 2010, as an assessment scoring day. Therefore, there will be no school for students K-12.** However, AP Exams in Environmental Science and Chemistry and component retesting in English and Math will be administered and transportation will be provided for students taking these exams. All district employees will report for work and all regularly scheduled evening activities and athletics will be held as planned.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this district calendar change may cause you and appreciate your cooperation in our effort to accomplish this arduous task.