### LEAVE NO PARENT BEHIND

# GET READY! GET SET! TIME TO TAKE THE PSSA TEST!



### A BRIEF HISTORY OF PSSA

• THIS TEST STARTED 20 YEARS AGO

• ORGINALLY ONLY GIVEN TO 3, 5, 8, AND  $11^{TH}$ GRADE STUDENTS

• ONCE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT WAS IMPLEMENTED PA DECIDED TO TEST ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-8 AND GRADE 11

## WHAT ARE THE DATES OF PSSA?



- THE TEST IS GIVEN ACROSS THE STATE AT THE SAME TIME
- PSSA Reading and Math will be given March 12<sup>th</sup>-23rd (this includes make-ups)
- PSSA Writing Is only given to grades 5 and 8
- PSSA science is only given to grades 4 and 8

## What does the PSSA test ?

#### Reading

- Content vocabulary
- Poetry/Figurative
- Language -Similes/Idioms
- Comprehension:
  Non-fiction passages
  Advertisements
  Sustainability
- Assessment anchors

#### Math

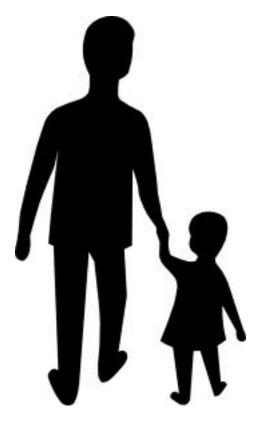
Computation skills: basic operations no calculators are allowed

#### Multi-tiered problems

- Trouble spots Geometry and Measurements
- Open-ended constructed response questions
- Students are given the rubric
- Assessment anchors

## What Can I Do As A Parent?

#### **Be Supportive!**



- Make sure students in grades 3-8 are completing their homework and the weekly constructed responses.
- Make sure your child arrives on time and has a great breakfast during testing

### WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE RESULTS?

- LATE JUNE -RIGHT
  BEFORE SUMMER
  VACATION OR EARLY IN
  SPETEMBER
  - P \_\_\_\_\_(Principal)
    USUALLY WILL INFORM
    THE PARENTS IN HER
    MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
    OF WHEN THE RESULTS
    WILL ARRIVE

AT THE END OF THE DAY: LET'S REMEMBER WHAT'S IMPORTANT LEARNING AND PROGRESS!

