

## **2017 NYS ELA Parent Information Workshop**

### **January 24, 2017**

- Dates of the 2017 NYS ELA assessment are March 28, 29, 30.
- The NYS ELA assessment is taken by students in grades 3-8 and measures how well students are mastering the Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts.
- Assessment Format:
  - Each day, students will read between 2-5 passages and answer questions.
  - Questions will be in the form of multiple choice, short response and extended response questions.
  - Multiple choice questions require students to choose the correct answer from a list of several possible answers provided to them.
  - Short response questions require a few sentences, and extended response questions require students to show understanding in a well-planned and organized essay.
  - Samples of all 3 types of these questions from the 2016 NYS ELA are available on [www.engageny.org](http://www.engageny.org).
- This assessment is an important way of measuring student learning, yet it is only one piece of information that shows what students fully know and are able to do.
- Your child's daily classroom instruction in a rigorous curriculum prepares them well for this assessment. In the coming weeks, students will also be working with additional instructional materials to support their preparation for this assessment.
- Also attached is a list of ways you can help your child to become a better reader and student in English Language Arts.
- [Engageny.org](http://Engageny.org) is a very informative website for both parents and educators. On this website you will find information on the Common Core Learning Standards and additional information for parents on all of the New York State assessments.