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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that on May 3 and 4, 2011, students taking Algebra I will participate in the Keystone Exams. Your child will be taking the test with their math teacher. The Algebra I Spring 2011 exam consists of two modules. Each module consists of 23 multiple-choice questions and 4 constructed-response questions. Please encourage your child to bring two sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers to the test.

Keystone Exams are designed to help school districts guide students toward meeting state standards—standards aligned with expectations for success in college and the workplace. The Keystone exams are end-of-course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency beginning this year with: Algebra I, Biology, and Literature. Students should take the Keystone Exam immediately following the related course and can retake the exam any of the three times it is administered during the following year—winter, spring, and summer. Under the new system of graduation requirements, students can earn a diploma through successful course completion and earning proficient on the Keystone Exams. Ultimately, the Keystone Exams will replace the Pennsylvania System of School.

Parents may help their children prepare for the assessment by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before and providing them with a good breakfast on the morning of the assessments. If your child is absent on the day(s) of the testing, the make-up days are May 6th and May 9th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Middle School.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Wargo
Principal

CC: Ms. Jill Adams, Superintendent
Dr. Port Williams, Assistant Superintendent