Dear Principal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I understand that the school is required to administer the New York State math and English Language Arts (ELA) tests to all students in grades 3-8, and in science to 5th and 8th graders; I also understand that I have a parental right (as confirmed by ESSA and acknowledged by city and state officials) to refuse the tests. In exercise of that right, I am writing to refuse to allow my child to participate in the New York State tests in ELA and math (and science, if applicable), as well as any field tests for future state exams.

No one in the school or district has suggested that my child should be excluded from participating; this is my personal choice as a parent. My decision to refuse in no way reflects on the hard work and talent of the teachers, administration, or staff at the school.

Please note that city officials have stated that students cannot be punished, forced to go to summer school, held back, or forced to have a promotion portfolio solely because they did not participate in the state tests.

Thank you in advance for respecting my refusal.

Sincerely,

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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Child’s name (Printed)

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Child’s class/grade (Printed)