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15 Minutes a Day to Improve Students' Academic Success

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Grades 3 to 8 Learning Community,

Just 15 minutes a day of practice can significantly improve students' academic success on the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (Math) assessments administered through Computer Based Testing (CBT).

Last year Yonkers Public Schools successfully administered CBT to 12,000 students, collaborating extensively with NYSED to provide a positive testing experience and administration of the assessments. Yonkers was the largest district in New York State to be fully operational for CBT. NYSED Commissioner MaryEllen Elia applauded the District as a leader in educational technology in the state. Yonkers outperformed the other Big 4 City districts because students, teachers, parents and administrators embraced CBT and prepared both in school and at home.

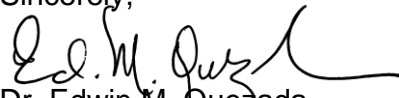
This **15 minutes a day of practice** will help students improve their achievement on CBT in our second year. Computer-Based Testing resources and 2019 test dates are on the District's website at **www.yonkerspublicschools.org/CBT**.

Resources and tools are available on our **Clever Portal**, accessible on yonkerspublicschools.org:

- ✓ Guided Math instruction on *Khan Academy*
- ✓ Reading passages with assessments on *Castle Learning*
- ✓ Typing lessons and games on *Typing.com*
- ✓ Question samplers on *NYSED's CBT Help Center*

I urge families to spend **15 minutes a day of practice with your children** using these tools. *Khan Academy* is accessible through a smartphone and all other programs are accessible on a tablet or computer. If you do not have a computer at home, access the District's CBT website on your smartphone for a list of locations in Yonkers with computers for you to use at no charge.

Sincerely,



Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

C: President Rev. Steve Lopez, President and Members of the Board of Education