**PSSA Opt-Out Information**

*According to 2019 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Handbook, the protocol for parental request for exclusion from the assessment is as follows:*

• Two weeks prior to each testing window, assessments will be available for review by parents and guardians. The assessment must be reviewed on district property and district personnel must be present at all times. Districts must provide a convenient time for the review.

• Parents and guardians must sign the Parent Confidentiality Agreement. Parents and guardians may not photocopy, write down, or in any other manner record any portion of the assessments, including directions.

• If after reviewing the test parents/guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious beliefs and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the parents/guardians must provide a written request that states the objection to the Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer.

• If the student is excused from the assessment due to parental or guardian request, school personnel must provide an alternative learning environment for the student during the assessment.

***The 2019 PSSA testing window begins Tuesday, April 23 2019. Tests can be viewed starting April 8, 2019. Opt-out requests will not be honored after April 23, 2019.***

***More information on the opt-out can be found at https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.4.html***