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Dear Parents:

Taconic Hills participates in the New York State Education Department (NYSED) testing program. As part of the testing program, in accordance with the district AIS Plan, we use the results of the testing to provide students in need with Academic Intervention Services (AIS). NYSED provides us with suggested cut points for determining eligibility.

Students scoring at or below the specified cut points for Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and mathematics receive academic intervention instructional services. In addition to the NYS Assessment results, students are identified as "in need of Academic Intervention Services" using multiple measures and students' needs. AIS services will be provided to students using multiple measures in addition to the state assessments including district and benchmark assessments, interim assessments, teacher consultation and recommendation. Students falling below proficiency will be provided with an increasing intensity of service.

Students will be provided with additional instruction by a reading or math specialist, including push-in or pull-out support, a reduced class size with a reading or math specialist or co-taught class, summer instructional program, computer assisted instruction or an individual learning plan to address the student's specific area(s) of need as identified using benchmark and diagnostic assessments. Additional instruction or student support services matched to the area of need will be evaluated using curriculum based and benchmark assessments, with adjustments to intensity and frequency of services made based on student progress.

AIS services will be recommended to be discontinued when students either obtain proficient scores on the New York State Regents exam or grades 3-8 ELA and/or Math assessment, or if students meet and/or exceed the grade level standard on the district benchmark assessment or interim assessment.

If you have any questions regarding AIS support, please contact your child's school counselor.

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