



# *The East Meadow Teachers Association*

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## **Opt Out Resolution**

Whereas, the New York State Education Department acknowledges its Grades 3 – 8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests are fundamentally flawed in their implementation and practice; and

Whereas, the New York State Education Department has attempted to pass off as fact the erroneous notion that superficial minor changes will result in an improved system; and

Whereas, due to the decisions made by leaders in Albany regarding New York State's Grades 3 – 8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests, the testing program is nothing short of absurd and has created a culture of chaos, confusion, and unnecessary stress that has stifled both learning and creativity in public schools across New York State; therefore be it

Resolved, that the East Meadow Teachers Association reaffirms its opposition to standardized high stakes testing that is currently being promoted by the Federal and State governments, because this testing is not being used to improve instruction for students, to help students, or to support the educational needs of students; and be it further

Resolved, that the East Meadow Teachers Association strongly encourages its members and the parents of East Meadow to refuse to allow their children to participate in this testing charade by having their children opt out of this year's Grades 3 – 8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests.

**Passed March 7, 2016**