2020-2021 NYS Test Refusal Letter

Student: _______________________
Teacher: _______________________
Grade: _________________________
School: _________________________
Date: __________________________

Dear ____________________,

We are writing today to formally inform the district of our decision to refuse to allow our child ____________________, to participate in:

_____ the 2021 New York State grade 3-8 ELA assessment
_____ the 2021 New York State grade 3-8 math assessment
_____ the 2021 grade 4 New York State science assessment
_____ the 2021 grade 8 New York State science assessment

Our refusal should in no way reflect on the teachers, administration, or school board. We simply see these tests as harmful, expensive, and a waste of time and valuable resources.

We hope our efforts will be understood in the context in which they are intended: to support the quality of instruction promoted by the school, and to advocate for what is best for ALL children. Our schools will not suffer when these tests are finally gone, they will flourish.

We do apologize in advance for the inconvenience or scrutiny that this decision may cause the administration, the school, and staff.

Sincerely,