

## PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Tussey Mountain will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) for 2011-2012. Students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight and eleven will take the reading and mathematics tests and students in grades five, eight and eleven will produce a writing sample. For the writing sample, fifth, eighth, and eleventh graders may write essays on nine different prompts in three modes of writing. Students in grades four, eight and eleven will be taking the science assessment. The instructional schedule is modified to meet testing needs. Again, results will be reported at the school and district level. Questions and inquiries regarding the PSSA program and policies should be addressed to the Superintendent's Office.

## NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCY TESTING INSTITUTE (NOCTI)

Beginning in 2003, students in a vocational program are required to participate in a NOCTI Exam in the spring of their senior year. The NOCTI Exam consists of two components: a written and a performance exam. Students achieving a competent score receive a certificate from the state.

## ELEMENTARY PROMOTION PROCEDURE

Retention will be warranted if the parents, teacher and/or other concerned education specialist agree that the child would benefit by a year's repeating. In this situation, the teacher will have requested and documented conferences with the parents/guardians at least two times throughout the school year (preferably one before January and the other before April 15) to discuss academic progress. The elementary principal will be informed of the possible retentions by May 1 of each school year. A signed statement by the parents, witnessed by the teacher, guidance department and administration will be filed as well.

**THE TUSSEY MOUNTAIN ADMINISTRATION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO  
MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON ANY AND/OR ALL PROMOTIONS IN  
GRADES K-12.**