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Dear DUSD Families,

Each year, DUSD students take standardized tests (AZELLA, AZM2, AZSCI...) that are required by the state and federal government for accountability purposes. Tests are given to help parents, teachers, and school leaders understand the progress students are making in the acquisition of English language development, English Language Arts, mathematics, and science.

<u>The Arizona Department of Education has made it **MANDATORY** for state testing to be done in person.</u> This is to protect the reliability and validity of the test results and ensure equitable access to the tests. The health and safety of students and staff is a top priority. AT DUSD the AZELLA test, AZM2, and AZSCI will be administered face to face, but extra precautions will be taken to follow CDC guidelines.

- 1. Materials/work areas will be sanitized.
- 2. Students will be seated 6 ft. apart.
- 3. Staff and students will wash their hands/use sanitizer before and after testing.
- 4. Face coverings will be worn at all times by all who enter the buildings.

You will be contacted by your child's school with the specific test dates and times. Let's work together and make your child's testing experience a positive and successful one. Again, every child **must** take the test **in person** as it is mandatory. This is not optional regardless of online instruction.

We understand these are uncertain times and there are challenges unlike any other year. If there are changes in any testing policies, you will be notified. We deeply appreciate all you are doing to support your child's learning during this unimaginable year.

<u>Testing Windows:</u> AZELLA Reassessment Grades K-12: <u>February 1<sup>st</sup>- May 21, 2021</u> AZ Science Grades 5, 8 and Year 2022 Cohort: <u>March 22- April 30, 2021</u> AZM2 Grade 3: <u>April 5- April 30, 2021</u> AZM2 Grades 4 – 8th and 10<sup>th</sup> (cohort 2023)- <u>April 5- May 14, 2021</u>

Sincerely,

Mrs. Geraldina Treviño

Curriculum and Federal Program Director

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