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RE: Illinois Assessment and Return to In Person Learning Update

Dear Harvey School District 152 Schools and Community

The U.S. Department of Education issued a decision on assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements for the 2020-21 school year. The Department has communicated that it intends to make waivers available for accountability only and not for the actual assessments. As a result, students are required to complete the IAR, DLM and ACCESS assessments in person.

To that end, as we have communicated throughout this unprecedented time of the COVID 19 pandemic, your safety and well- being is our top priority. During our Remote Learning, we have continually assessed the safety and likelihood of returning to in person learning with stakeholders involved throughout our decision-making. We are confident that our plan to bring students back for in person testing on a staggered basis beginning March 15, 2021 will meet CDC and IDPH safety guidelines. All Staff will return March 11, 2021 in preparation.

Attached to this correspondence, please review our plan for in person student assessment outlining our model for returning.

Additionally, while without question, we would like to resume in person learning for the maximum benefit of every student, we are also planning to bring all students back after testing on May 3, 2021.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely,

John F. Thomas
Superintendent
Harvey School District 152

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Illinois State Board of Education Assessment Plan
(2020-2021)

According to the most recent updates from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), all local school districts are required to administer the following State assessments:

- *Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) – Grades 3rd–8th*
- *Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) – Grades 5th and 8th*
- *ACCESS for English Learners – EL Students Grades K – 8th*
- *Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) – Alternate Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities in grades K – 8th*

This is a result of the U.S. Secretary of Education’s decision to not grant waivers for the administration of the Spring 2021 assessments. A description of each assessment may be accessed via the following link: [Guidance to Support Districts with 2020-2021 Assessment Administration](#). The guidance also includes protocols for administering these assessments according to health and safety guidelines from the Illinois Department of Health.

Per ISBE’s guidance, remote delivery of these assessments is not a viable option due to security risks and management procedures that would greatly impact testing validity and reliability. As a result, the tentative return to in-person instruction date of April 12, 2021 has been postponed to May 3, 2021 to safely conduct in-person testing from March 15, 2021 – April 30, 2021.

Staff and students will continue remote instruction until the conclusion of all testing and will only report to their buildings by grade level according to the assessment schedule below. The normal school day schedule of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm will be utilized on these testing days. All students will be provided with breakfast and lunch, and qualifying students will receive transportation.

Additional guidance will be provided on our reopening procedures for May 3, 2021 at a later date.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

	Dates	Assessments
<u>WEEK #1</u> IAR/DLM & ACCESS for EL (Grades 3rd & 6th)	March 15, 2021	IAR-Reading Session I (AM)
	March 16, 2021	IAR-Reading Session II & III (AM)
	March 17, 2021 (SIP day)	IAR-Math Session I (AM)
	March 18, 2021	IAR-Math Session II (AM) ACCESS (1,2)-(PM)
	March 19, 2021	IAR- Math Session III (AM) ACCESS(3,4)-PM
<u>WEEK #2</u> IAR/DLM & ACCESS for EL (Grades 4rd & 7th)	March 22, 2021	IAR-Reading Session I (AM)
	March 23, 2021	IAR-Reading Session II & III (AM)
	March 24, 2021	IAR-Math Session I (AM) ACCESS (1,2)-(PM)
	March 25, 2021	IAR-Math Session II (AM) ACCESS (3,4)-(PM)
	March 26, 2021	IAR- Math Session III (AM)
<u>WEEK #3</u> ISA & ACCESS for EL Grades 5th & 8th	March 29, 2021	ISA -Science Session I (AM)
	March 30, 2021	ISA-Science Session II (AM) ACCESS (1,2)-PM
	March 31, 2021	ISA-Science Session III (AM) ACCESS (3,4)-PM
<u>WEEK #4</u> IAR/DLM &	April 12, 2021	IAR-Reading Session I
	April 13, 2021	IAR-Reading Session II & III

(Grades 5th & 8th)	April 14, 2021	IAR–Math Session I
	April 15, 2021	IAR–Math Session II
	April 16, 2021	IAR– Math Session III
<u>WEEK #5</u> ACCESS 1st–2nd & IAR/DLM (Make–ups)	April 19, 2021	<i>IAR/DLM (make–ups) by appointment</i>
	April 20, 2021	ACCESS (1)–AM ACCESS (2)–PM <i>IAR/DLM (make–ups) by appointment</i>
	April 21, 2021	ACCESS (3)–AM ACCESS (4)–PM <i>IAR/DLM (make–ups) by appointment</i>
	April 22, 2021	<i>Kdg (individually, by appointment)</i> <i>IAR/DLM (make–ups) by appointment</i> <i>ACCESS makeups</i>
	April 23, 2021	<i>Kdg (individually, by appointment)</i> <i>IAR/DLM (make–ups) by appointment</i> <i>ACCESS makeups</i>
<u>WEEK #6</u> ACCESS/IAR/DLM (Make–ups)	April 26, 2021	<i>All makeups, by appointment</i>
	April 27, 2021	<i>All makeups, by appointment</i>
	April 28, 2021	<i>All makeups, by appointment</i>
	April 29, 2021	<i>All makeups, by appointment</i>
	April 30, 2021	<i>All makeups, by appointment</i>