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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As spring approaches, we will have several spring assessments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your school principal. On-site students only will be given the state assessment as it cannot be given remotely. Teachers will work with parents whose children are working remotely to schedule a time to test at the school if parents are willing to bring in their child for testing.

In district, we use the NWEA MAP assessment for our K-12 student in math and reading and for 4th-12th grade students in Science. This assessment gives us quick feedback on how your child is growing in the school year. Our NWEA MAP Assessment window will be from April 26th to May 21st. Classroom teachers will have access to individual student reports almost immediately and will be able to share those reports with students and families. We will test on the onsite students and will remote test the 3rd-12th grade students with NWEA MAP and a formative assessment for K-2 students working remotely.

We will also give the Lakota Language Consortium assessment to K-8 students beginning April 26th to May 21st. This assessment shows student progress throughout the school year. Our Lakota Studies department uses the results for planning instruction. Students receive an immediate score.

For our state accountability, students in grades 3rd-8th and 11th will take the State test in reading and math. State assessments will be given from March 22nd through May 7th. Students in 5th, 8th, and 11th will also have a state science assessment.

All of the district and state assessments are given through an online computer application. In every case except the LLC test, the computer adapts the questions to the student response. This allows your child to show all that they have learned. None of the assessments are timed, so your child will have plenty of time to work through the questions.

There is no need for students to study in preparation for the assessments. We do, however, ask that students try their best and get plenty of rest the night before testing. It is important for students to come to school on test days.

School specific schedules will be sent so parents and guardian can plan accordingly.

Below are some online resources for more information:

NWEA MAP: <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

Lakota Resources: <https://lakhota.org/>

State Assessment: <https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/>

Sincerely,

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