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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. A testing update was sent previously based on developments on Michigan's testing waiver request related to the M-STEP and MI-ACCESS tests. The U.S. Department of Education (USED) did NOT approved the State request to waive M-STEP/MI-ACCESS testing during the spring of 2021.

This communication is a reminder that students in grades 3-4 will have the opportunity to take the M-STEP/MI-ACCESS tests starting April 27, 2021. The testing schedule for all grade levels is below. Providers are reaching out to families of students who have testing accommodations in their IEP and are testing in small groups. They will communicate the schedule if it is different from the schedule below.

- **4th Grade:** April 27-28 AND May 4-5
- **3rd Grade:** April 29-30 AND May 6-7
- The State requires M-STEP/MI-ACCESS Testing to be done in person
- Testing will be from 8:30-11:30 with breakfast being served from 8:15-8:30 in the café.
 - The café is set up with tables and seating areas spaced out 6 feet in all directions for social distancing purposes.
 - Breakfast is the only time mask can be down or off.
- **Masks must be worn at all times before and after breakfast.**
- **Students MUST BRING THEIR SCHOOL-ISSUED LAPTOP AND HEADPHONES each day of testing**
- **LAPTOPS ARE TO BE FULLY CHARGED BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL. Be sure to charge the laptops overnight to ensure they are fully charged for testing.** Chargers should also be sent to school with the laptop in case they are needed
- Students will test in the gym with tables spaced out 6 feet in all directions for social distancing purposes.

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- VDPS will provide bussing for students who are eligible; the bus schedule is below

CARLSON BUS STOPS			
BUS 17			
STOP	PICK UP	STOP	DROP OFF
MACARTHUR @ TIMKEN	7:52 AM	CONSITUTION @ HARITAGE	11:33 AM
TALLMAN @ EDGEMONT	7:57 AM	WAGNER @ STATE PARK	11:37 AM
WAGNER @ BELMONT	8:02 AM	WAGNER @ BELMONT	11:40 AM
WAGNER @ STATE PARK	8:05 AM	TALLMAN @ EDGEMONT	11:45 AM
CONSITUTION @ HARITAGE	8:09 AM	MACARTHUR @ TIMKEN	11:50 AM
CARLSON	8:15 AM		

- If a student completes a test before 11:30, families will be contacted for a pickup. Families of bussers will be given the option to pick up or have the student wait on campus until their bus comes at 11:30 if families cannot pick them up early.

3rd Grade students are to log in to their **regular** afternoon Zoom links each day. 4th Grade students will have the live lesson time moved to the afternoon, starting at 1:30, on testing days to minimize instruction loss due to testing. Teachers are also communicating this to students and families via Dojo/Remind and Google Classroom.

We will continue to monitor health data for our community and will make other changes to our spring state assessment plans as necessary to keep students, families, and staff safe.

If you have any questions or concerns about MSTEP/MI-ACCESS testing, please reach out to me directly at 586-758-8345. I welcome questions and am here to support our families.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Iras

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