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Dear Parent/Guardians:

The 2020-21 school year has been incredibly challenging. COVID-19 has affected not only our district, but also our state, our country, and the world at large. Despite this, you and your children have risen to the challenge and adapted to learning in new ways. The resilience of our school community in Watertown has allowed learning to continue.

In the next several weeks, all Connecticut students will participate in the annual state assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, and students in grades 5, 8 & 11 will also take a test in Science. Schools and educators use these tests to see how students are progressing at each grade level so they are prepared for college and careers when they graduate high school. Parents/guardians can use the same high-quality tests to see how their child is performing on the standards, especially given that we did not test last year.

Even though state tests will continue this year, the test results will not be used for school accountability measures. They will be used mainly to learn how students are doing and to target resources and supports for educators and schools.

- **SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS:** The actual assessments have been scheduled for the following days and times:
 - **Smarter Balanced ELA Computer Adaptive Test (CAT)**
 - Monday, May 10, 2021
 - Tuesday, May 11, 2021
 - **Smarter Balanced Mathematics CAT**
 - Monday, May 17, 2021
 - Tuesday, May 18, 2021
 - **Smarter Balanced Mathematics Performance Task (PT)**
 - Monday, May 24, 2021

*Make Ups will be scheduled starting Thursday, May 13, 2021

If your child has ear buds/headphones, please have them bring them to school. They would benefit from a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast (a breakfast snack will also be given to them at school). On a final note, thank you for your patience and for partnering with us in the interest of our students. Our students are resilient and their ability to persevere has been proven. They are going to do great!

Respectfully,

Kristin Raymond