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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We appreciate your investment in your child's education and want to share some information about state and federally required assessments. Federal law requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to administer certain assessments to all students who attend public schools in the state. According to federal law: Students must take an achievement exam in reading/language arts and mathematics each year from third through eighth grade. In Illinois, students take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

Testing will begin on Friday, April 8 and conclude no later than Friday, April 22. If a child misses a day of testing, we have makeup options and will test them when they return to school. Students will be testing for anywhere between 60 - 90 minutes, depending on the administered test. All students will complete three mathematics assessment and three ELA assessments. In addition, students who are participating in the pilot (grades 3 & 4) will have an additional ELA assessment. This portion of their assessment will have no impact on their assessment score.

While IAR testing is important, please remember it is one measure of what your child currently knows in mathematics and ELA. There are a variety of skills, attributes, and dispositions we look to instill in our students in Salt Creek 48 that the IAR does not measure.

We encourage students to do their best on all assessments. Federal and state law does not authorize districts or schools to excuse students from testing. ISBE does not provide guidance on "opting out" because such an option would violate the law. School districts must administer assessments to at least 95 percent of students and at least 95 percent of each student demographic group or face lower public school recognition status, which leads to increased state oversight and may put districts' state and federal funds at risk.

We encourage students to complete as much of each assessment as they can. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building administrator or me. You can also find additional information by visiting the ISBE Assessment Department at www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx or contacting them at (866) 317-6034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Martelli".

Dr. Christopher Martelli
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