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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. The District 163 team has been working together to ensure that the 2020-21 school year Fall reopening has supported the needs of students and families. As we focus on intentional and targeted teaching and learning we are beginning Fall assessments.

Assessments are scheduled for all kindergarten through 8th grade students as follows:

- All students in 3rd through 8th grade will begin Northwest Education Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) testing beginning the week of September 14th in the areas of Mathematics, Language Arts/Reading and Science
- Students in 2nd and 7th grade will participate in iReady testing beginning the week of September 21st in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts/Reading
- Students in 7th grade will participate in MAP Science assessments during the week of September 21st
- Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade will engage in grade level mathematics and reading assessments to assist teachers in planning for instruction throughout the month of September

This testing is important as it helps teachers understand what students know so goals can be set to improve growth through the year. The testing does not affect student grades. Students cannot pass or fail. The results will be helpful in planning for student learning and knowing what students are ready to learn. There are grade level norms and growth targets for each student that will be communicated to you after the testing window.

This year, like no other, assessments are being administered in a remote environment. Please review the MAP test preparation information that has been shared with you from your child’s school Principal and classroom teacher. If you need assistance, please contact the Principal for direction. Please work closely with your child’s teacher during the Fall assessment window as we focus on critical information to support learning goals.

We are looking forward to our work together throughout the school year. Thank you for your partnership! Our priorities continue to be excellence in education, equity in services, and engagement in meaningful teaching and learning experiences.

Stay safe and well!

Sincerely,

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