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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Michigan Department of Education’s annual state testing will begin in April, when we return from Spring Break. Students in the State of Michigan take a combination of M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), PSAT 8/9 and SAT. There will be no option to take the assessment remotely. Students will not test every day during the testing window. Each school is creating a schedule to allow for minimum disruption to teaching and learning. Specific test dates will be available through your child’s school. Students will take the following state assessments during the designated testing windows:

Grades	M-STEP Tests Given	State’s Testing Window Each window was extended an additional week by the State, due to the number of snow/cold days this year.
3, 4, 6 and 7	M-STEP ELA (Reading, Writing), Math	April 26 – June 4
5	M-STEP ELA (Reading, Writing), Math, Science, Social Studies	April 12 – May 21
8, 9, 10 and 11	M-STEP Science, Social Studies, in addition to PSAT and SAT	April 12 – May 21

M-STEP is an untimed, online assessment, that students will take using Chromebooks or computers in their school’s computer lab. Teachers prepare students for the M-STEP by teaching our district’s curriculum for ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, this assessment is aligned to the State Standards. In addition, teachers have explored the test items and provided their students an opportunity to practice grade-level specific online sample items.

As a district we look at how our students perform on these assessments to determine how well we are preparing students to be College and Career Ready. We also utilize the results to determine supports and courses for students. We recognize that not everyone will feel comfortable with testing in-person and request that families contact their student’s school if they have concerns. Although there are no repercussions for not testing, we do encourage families to allow their students to test.

For additional information on M-STEP administration at your child’s school, please talk with your student’s teacher and/or school principal.

Sincerely,

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