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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the weeks of May 1st -June 2nd, your child will take the *i-Ready Diagnostic* computed based reading test at a designated time assigned by your child's teacher. In accordance with state and local requirements, we give students this diagnostic to determine their instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in Reading, English, and Language Arts.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts the questions to suit your student's needs. As it is an adaptive assessment, the time frame for this assessment ranges between 30-75 minutes. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. The purpose of this is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your student's learning. Since this online test provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly. Following the testing period, your child's teacher will be able to provide you with a report showing your child's growth.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about this assessment, visit: <https://i-readycentral.com/articles/engaging-families/>. You can also contact your child's teacher or the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 410-677-4477.

Sincerely,

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