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Dear Parent/Guardian:

English learner (EL) students in grades K-12 are required to complete an assessment called the "ACCESS" test. ACCESS means "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners." More information regarding the test is available on the [Black Hawk Middle School](#) and [District 196](#) websites and on the enclosed letter from District 196.

Please complete the ACCESS Survey at the following link as soon as possible, if you have not yet done so: <https://tinyurl.com/y6xdsn4q>.

Black Hawk Middle School EL students will be taking the ACCESS test at BHMS (not at home) on the following rescheduled dates:

February 24 (8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.)

- Domains 1 (Listening) and 2 (Reading)

March 3 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

- Domains 3 (Writing) and 4 (Speaking) for students who completed Domains 1 and 2
- Make-up date for Domains 1 and 2

March 10 (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

- Make-up date

Generally, each day will consist of the following:

8:30	Arrive to BHMS/Breakfast Available/Report to Assigned Classrooms
8:45	Group A: Test Time/Group B: Academic Support Time
11:00	"Brain Break" (physical and relaxation activities)
11:30	Lunch
12:00	Group A: Academic Support Time/Group B: Test Time
2:15	Dismissed from BHMS
2:30	Busses Depart

Each day includes approximately two hours of testing along with academic support time to complete missing or current assignments. Your student should bring their iPad and other school materials to work on assignments during the Academic Support Time.

Bus transportation is provided. Bus number, bus stops and pick-up/drop-off times will be the same for a student as it was during the hybrid schedule earlier this fall. The Transportation Department will be sending bus information to students assigned to a bus and can be called at 651-423-7685 for more information. You may transport your child at any point to or from BHMS during a testing day if you prefer your child to be at BHMS just for the testing portion.

Please contact us with any questions at our email below or the office phone number above. Thank you for your partnership with your child's education.

Regards,

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