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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Michigan Department of Education's annual state testing will begin next week. Students in the State of Michigan take a combination of M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, ACT WorkKeys, and SAT. These tests are required by federal and state laws, and there is a need for all students to participate in taking State assessments. Please read the linked memo from the Michigan State Superintendent on State Assessments for spring of 2024 for additional information.

As a district we use the results in a variety of ways, including school improvement efforts, class placement, and targeted support to students and schools. These assessments also provide us with information on the college and career readiness of Livonia students, as well as their progress on state standards.

M-STEP is an untimed, online assessment 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. Teachers also prepare students with test taking strategies, including practice using the online tools in the M-STEP sample item sets. To preview the M-STEP online sample sets for each grade level, visit this website using Google Chrome as your browser. Click on M-STEP On-Line Tools Training and choose the grade level you would like to preview.

Students will take state assessments during the designated testing windows or State required dates:

Grades	State Assessments Given	State Testing Window
Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Grade 5, 8, 11	M-STEP Mathematics M-STEP ELA (Reading, Writing), M-STEP Science, Social Studies	**April 8 – May 17**
Grade 8 Grade 10 Grade 11	PSAT 8/9 PSAT 10 SAT	**April 10**
Grade 9 Grade 11	PSAT 8/9 ACT WorkKeys	**April 11**
Grades 3-8 and 11	Mi-Access	**April 8 – May 24**

Students will not test every day during the testing window. Each school will create a testing schedule to allow for minimum disruption to teaching and learning. For additional information on M-STEP administration at your child's school, please talk with your student's teacher and/or school principal.

Sincerely,

Theresa O'Brien
Chief Academic Officer