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Dear Amity Families,

Each year Amity Regional School District No.5 administers a universal screening assessment in both Math and English Language Arts to all students in grades 7 and 8. Universal screening assessments help teachers determine where students are performing and provide important information regarding strengths and areas for growth. This information is used by teachers to inform their instruction and make planning decisions for academic support and enrichment. While many variations of universal screening assessments exist, Amity has traditionally used STAR Assessments for these purposes. This year, select classrooms in both middle schools will be using the i-Ready Assessment in place of STAR. If you are receiving this letter, I am excited to share that your child will be in a classroom that is using i-Ready as their universal screener this year.

If you are familiar with STAR, the parent reports for i-Ready may look slightly different from years past. However, the information regarding grade performance and areas of strength and opportunities for growth will still be clearly stated. Please know that students using i-Ready may be asked to provide feedback at the end of the year regarding their experience with the assessment and its support materials.

To help prepare your child for the i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know or cannot answer.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! I look forward to sharing i-Ready information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about i-Ready, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school. You can also learn more about i-Ready by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

Sincerely,

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