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October 18, 2026,

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the computer-based B.E.S.T. Algebra 1/B.E.S.T. Geometry/Biology 1/Civics/U.S. History End-of-Course (EOC) assessment(s) beginning on September 23 and December 10, 2026. B.E.S.T. Algebra 1, B.E.S.T. Geometry, Biology 1, Civics, and U.S. History EOC assessments are each administered in one 160-minute session, but students may work up to the length of a typical school day. The FAST ELA Reading Retake is administered in one 120-minute session, and students may work up to the length of a typical school day.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based or paper-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at https://flfast.org/families.html.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smart glasses, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.**
- **Calculator Policy**—For B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 and Geometry EOC assessments, a handheld scientific calculator may be used. For Biology 1 EOC, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement (secure browser) or by signing below the statement (test book) indicating they understand the testing rules.
- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as

texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.
- **Testing Irregularities**—In the event a testing irregularity occurs in your student's testing room, as part of a school investigation, your student may be asked questions to provide clarification of the incident. In addition, your student may be required to retake the assessment if a suspected irregularity is reported that may affect the validity of the test results.
- **Extra Time**—Any student still working at the end of the allotted time for the session will be provided extra time, as allowed for each assessment, to complete the test. **However, according to directions from the district, students who are not actively working (e.g., sleeping) at the end of regular time may be dismissed rather than being provided with extra time.**
- Please note, in the event a testing irregularity occurs in your student's testing room, as part of a school investigation, your student may be asked questions to provide clarification of the incident.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Mari Lee at 754-321-5144. For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at https://flfast.org/fsa.html.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Vicky LaPorte, Assistant Director/Intern Principal