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Dear Richardson Families,

Every year, Chicago Public Schools administers federally-required state assessments that not only demonstrate how our students are growing academically compared to their peers across the state, but also help us determine where additional school support and resources are needed. This year, eligible students will be required to take these assessments in person at school, including students who are learning remotely. As we continue to navigate our response to COVID-19, please know that our top priority is keeping our students and educators safe.

This spring, your child will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), which measures student mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts/literacy and mathematics in grades 3 through 8. Over the course of two to three days, students will take the IAR between **April 21 and May 28, 2021**. We will communicate the exact dates your child will take the IAR at school, as well as other important information, in the coming weeks.

To ensure the health and safety of students and staff during in-person testing, we will follow these protocols at our school:

- We will fully sanitize all rooms before and after testing, following the district's enhanced cleaning procedures.
- We will clean and disinfect computers and other equipment using the provided wipes in each classroom.
- We will require anyone entering the building to complete an online [health screener](#) and pass a temperature check.
- We will require anyone entering our school to wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- We will require all students and staff to wear a cloth face covering while inside the building, including during the test and testing breaks. Masks can be removed for eating and drinking, and strict social distancing will be required when masks are removed.
- We will ensure students are seated six feet apart in rooms with no more than 50 people and at no more than 25 percent capacity.
- During testing breaks, students will remain in their testing room and maintain strict social distancing.
- We will implement restroom break procedures to ensure all students entering a restroom are socially distanced, wearing cloth face coverings, and cleaning their hands.
- We will establish and communicate clear arrival and dismissal procedures.

Please reach out to the Counselor, Mr. Kevin Tate at KMTate1@cps.edu with any questions about IAR. Thank you for your commitment to your student's academic success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Clouston, Principal