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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Between the dates of October 8 and October 23, 2020, we will give the Interim Measures of Student Success and Achievement (iMSSA) to our students in grades 6, 7, and 8. iMSSA will be given three times this year.

iMSSA is designed to give us information about your child's progress toward end of year academic learning goals. Teachers will use iMSSA test scores to evaluate your child's knowledge and skills of their grade level academic standards. The test scores provide a roadmap to rigorous teaching and learning and measure student progress while there is still time to act and identify students in need of the additional support. The test scores **will not** be used for grading, retaining your child in grade, or other high stakes decisions.

The assessments are untimed tests that include Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The results from these assessments will help teachers identify the areas where your child is doing well and learn what additional support or instruction might be needed in other areas. The results will also help your child's teacher monitor students' academic growth through the school year.

As your child works through iMSSA questions, please make sure that they are engaging in the questions, providing responses that are theirs, and approaching these questions in a mindset of learning. If your child moves quickly through the materials, struggles to respond, or is unable to respond these are all good information points for the teacher to be aware of.

Here are some things you can do to help your child with iMSSA:

- Provide a location for taking iMSSA that is comfortable and free from distractions.
- Ensure your child logs in and can navigate the test. Provide help using the Quick Start Guide if needed.
- Encourage your child to do their best work so that the teacher has a true picture of what they know and can do.
- Help your child understand the test directions but do not give hints or provide the answers to the questions.
- If your child becomes frustrated or needs a break, help them pause or exit the test using the directions in the Quick Start guide.

Please do not share or use these test questions outside of your child's assessment experience.

We appreciate your continuing support of your child and their learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the school test coordinator to discuss how you or the school staff can help your child do their best.

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