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April 18, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your child will take the computer-based Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Grade 8 Language Arts assessment **May 3 and 4** and the Grade 8 Math Assessment on **May 7 and 8**. Additionally, 8th grade students will take the State Science Assessment on **May 1** and the Civics EOC on **May 11**. Testing will be taking place at various times during the day, so it is important that your student arrives to school on time.

Students will need to have a pair of HEADPHONES with them on the above dates.

Your child has been practicing both paper and computer based test questions in their class and on the i-Ready platform. If you would like additional practice, practice tests and answer keys are available at www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA portal at www.fsassessments.org, click on the Students and Families icon, then select Spring 2018 Testing Times.

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, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (for example, to use the restroom), even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If your student is found with an electronic device, their test will be invalidated.

Calculators - For Grade 7 and 8 FSA Math Assessment, calculators **may only be used during Session 2 and 3 of the test**. The testing platform provides a calculator for students to use during these sessions. Students found with a handheld calculator during Session 1 will have their test invalidated. Students completing an EOC assessment **may only use a calculator during Session 2**.

Testing Rules Acknowledgement - All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student's test and answer book that read: "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 the students, and students acknowledge that they understand and heard the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.

Discussing Test Content After Testing - The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the passages or items after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on websites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram." Please make sure your student understands what this means. While



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students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing testing experiences with their 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. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answers patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

Leaving Campus - If your students begins a test session and leaves campus before completing it (for an appointment or illness, etc.) they will not be allowed to return to and complete that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for them to wait and be tested on a makeup day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.

Testing Accommodations - If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 plan, or English Language Learner (ELL) plan, the testing accommodations listed on their plan will be provided during testing.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact your student's teacher or Jennifer Hanson at jennifer.hanson@brightfuturesacademy.com. For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA portal at www.fsassessments.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging their to do their best during this test administration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hanson
Assessment Coordinator