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Dear Parents,

As partners in your child's education, it is important to ensure that they are prepared for each step along their educational journey. One way to determine student preparedness is through assessment; therefore, we will be administering *ACT Aspire* to your student on **Monday, April 16, 2017 through Friday, April 20, 2018**. *ACT Aspire* will give us important information that will allow us to determine how your child is progressing at their current grade level, as well as their overall path toward future college and career readiness.

ACT Aspire will tell us which important skills, abilities, and knowledge your student has now, and which ones still need to be mastered in order to be successful in school in the future. *ACT Aspire* will help your child's teacher understand where your child is succeeding, as well as where extra help or academic focus is needed. *ACT Aspire* will also provide specific suggestions for improving skills.

Your child will be taking the *ACT Aspire* English, Science, Math, Reading, and Writing assessments. Please be sure that your child is well rested and eats a nutritional breakfast each morning of test days in order to help them do their best. Testing will begin early each morning. If your child checks-in after testing begins or is absent, they will have to make-up the test at another time during the day/week. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time. Testing will last approximately one to two hours each day depending on the test given and grade level. Classroom instruction will continue throughout the week with modified homework assignments and no content assessments in class. All other extra-curricular activities will continue as scheduled.

Please make note that our school's weekly mass will be held on Friday, April 20 instead of Thursday.

See the next page to better understand exactly what the *ACT Aspire* is about.

Regards,

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