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We were notified on April 6, 2021, that the United States Department of Education's expectation is that Michigan schools must offer state summative tests despite the pandemic. These assessments include M-STEP for students in grades 3-8; PSAT 8/9 for students in grade 8; PSAT 8/9 for students in grade 9; PSAT 10 for students in grade 10; MME, including SAT, WorkKeys, and M-STEP for students in grade 11; and MI-ACCESS for students receiving special education services in grades 3-8 and 11. We wanted to make sure we communicate the following information to address some questions and concerns.

- Since our students' health and safety is our top priority, we ask that you do not send your student to school to test if he/she is not feeling well.
- Our school district and your student will not be penalized if he/she does not test this year.
- Although this is a fluid situation, we plan to follow our original testing schedules (including make-up dates) which have been posted in your student's digital learning platforms (google classrooms, remind, etc.) and also in our school newsletters.
- We will plan to test students who are present on assigned testing days; if your student is absent, our staff will attempt to complete make up testing on assigned make up days as regulated by the Michigan Department of Education.
- While we are required to offer these assessments to all students, the MDE recently announced that they do not expect virtual learners to come to campus for the sole purpose of testing. It is ultimately the parent's choice to send virtual learners to school to test.

We will do our best to make testing run as smoothly as possible this year; however, we understand if your student does not participate in testing. Thank you for your partnership, and please continue to monitor communications from school staff to stay updated on any changes.