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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

During the current academic year, fifth and eighth grade students will be administered the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) as mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and United States Department of Education. This assessment is designed to assess the *Next Generation Science Standards* which were adopted by ISBE in 2014; see nextgenscience.org/illinois for additional information.

The ISA elementary and middle school testing window will be from April 10 to April 28, 2017. The ISA will be administered through an online platform; estimated testing time is approximately one hour. This assessment will consist of reading passages/scenarios with item types including multiple-choice, multiple-select and constructed response. Assessment content will include physical science, life science, earth/space science and engineering. Sample items are available via the Washington, D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education website at osse.dc.gov/node/1111507.

If you have additional questions regarding the ISA, please contact your school's principal.

Regards,

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