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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

During the period beginning Monday, March 5 and ending Friday, April 20, Indian Prairie Community Unit School District 204 students enrolled in third through eighth grade will be completing the *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers* (PARCC) assessments. Alternatively, students with significant educational needs in grades three through eight and eleven will complete the *Dynamic Learning Maps – Alternative Assessment* (DLM-AA) within the Wednesday, March 14 through Wednesday, May 9 window.

The PARCC assessment is an online group-administered achievement test designed to measure student proficiency relative to the *Illinois Learning Standards*. The DLM-AA measures student performance on standards aligned to the *Common Core Essential Elements*. As mandated by the United States Department of Education, public school districts in the State of Illinois are required to assess all students in the above grade levels for the purpose of educational accountability.

Students will be assessed in the achievement areas of English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) and Mathematics. In general, student participation will consist of part of a week during the testing windows. **Individual students are not engaged in assessment during the entire test window.**

- Additional information concerning the PARCC Assessment including test format, sample test items, and notes about scoring is available online at parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests.
- Additional information concerning the DLM-AA is available online at dynamiclearningmaps.org.

Please encourage your child to demonstrate his or her academic knowledge and skills through these tests.

Thank you for your positive support of our district during the administration of these important assessments. If you have additional questions regarding the PARCC or DLM-AA assessments, please contact your school's principal.

Regards,

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