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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, the Wharton School District will be taking part in a statewide assessment as a part of a group of states. The assessment, called Strong Start, is aligned with content standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.

In accordance with state law and regulations, our students in grades 4-8 will be taking the Strong Start assessment in the content areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to this assessment, students in grade 6 will also take the Strong Start assessment for Science. Students shall expect to take this Strong Start assessment in October 2021.

The daily testing time should be approximately one hour and each student will be tested in a three day window.

If your child receives extended testing time due to special education classification, 504 Accommodation Plan, or is an English Language Learner, your child will be placed in an extended time testing session.

The Strong Start assessment will provide you with important information about your child's progress toward meeting the goal of being college or career ready. This assessment will also provide the district invaluable information to address individual learning needs resulting from the pandemic. The Strong Start assessment will provide detailed diagnostic information about each individual student's performance that educators, parents and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement. The Strong Start assessment will include item analysis that will clarify a student's level of knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or area of a subject. The data derived from the assessment will be utilized by teachers and administrators to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any additional questions related to the administering of the Strong Start assessment.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman
Superintendent