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Dear Families:

We are writing to share additional information about the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). You will recall that this is the State's test that measures our students' achievement in mathematics and English language arts (reading and writing) in grades 3-8. The results of this test help us to inform our programming for students, reflect on our teaching, and they serve as one of the many ways that we are accountable to our community.

Students who tested last year with the Smarter Balanced assessment will notice some changes this year, including:

- Less overall testing time (typically less than 6 hours)
- An easier computer format (with built-in supports)

If you would like to see sample questions, visit <http://maine.measuredprogress.org/Student/login>. The username is *MaineMath* (for math questions) or *MaineReading* (for reading and writing questions), and the password is *practice*.

Attached you will find a copy of our school's testing schedule. During this time your child's normal schedule may be modified in order to accomplish the testing. We have arranged the testing to maximize student readiness by distributing the sessions, including motor breaks, and, of course, having time for lunch!

Our goal is for every student to engage in these assessments and put forth their best effort. If a student is absent during testing, make-ups will be scheduled to allow for all students to complete the tests.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's testing experience, we ask that you contact the school principal before testing. This will help to ensure that we're all prepared to make testing as successful as possible for your child.

We will share the results of your child's testing after they become available to us. We are proud of our students, and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

School Principal



Assistant Superintendent

P.S. Fifth and eighth grade students are also required to take the MEA science test in late April or early May. We will provide additional details about that test, as we get closer.