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**Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth Graders,**

All students enrolled in Michigan schools in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) assessment. The M-STEP measures your student's growth and progress on the Michigan Academic Standards. Those standards are available at this website: [www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards](http://www.Michigan.gov/academicstandards).

Fifth graders will be tested in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies using a computer. They will be assigned specific dates and times to take the M-STEP during the **April 8 – May 17, 2024, online testing window**. The M-STEP will provide an accurate view of your child's achievement levels and learning needs to help us identify areas where we can improve instruction and teaching.

As parents/guardians, you play an important role in your child's academic success.

We are asking for your help to ensure he/she is prepared for this new online assessment series. Here is what you can do:

- Encourage your child to approach the M-STEP with a positive attitude.
- Ensure your child gets plenty of rest the night before, has a good breakfast and comes to school on time each day.
- Review the [UCS Electronic Device Use Protocol for Statewide Testing](#).

Your child's attendance is vital to his/her achievement. In addition, full attendance is necessary for our school to meet state participation requirements.

To learn more about the M-STEP assessments, please visit the Michigan Department of Education Web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ciacchella  
Principal