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Dear Parents,

As we move towards the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year, gathering feedback on how students are making progress in reading and math through the period of distance learning will be an important component in developing instructional plans for students next year. In order for us to have the best possible understanding of which students may need additional instructional support we will be looking to provide the end-of-year instructional diagnostics we normally administer on-line in school to students using our distance learning platform. The diagnostics will be used in conjunction with teacher feedback on individual student performance to support instructional planning such as developing intervention services. As always, they are not used for grading purposes. Please follow the instructions provided in this letter to appropriately support your child in taking their reading and math diagnostic.

Other than technical assistance please refrain from providing any assistance with the content or approach to addressing any of the assessment questions. Both diagnostics are adaptive and should adjust to accessible levels for all students. Ensuring that your child completes these measures independently in a quiet space will provide us with the most meaningful and useful evaluation of your child's readiness for subsequent instruction in math and reading.

- **K-2 Reading/Math:** Students in Grades K through 2 will be provided both math and reading benchmarks using the i-Ready diagnostic. The date for providing this to your child will be June 9th for reading and June 11th for math. Students will not have any other classroom responsibilities on that day. The benchmark may be taken at any time on these dates that is most convenient for you and your child. Each measure takes the average student between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. When you are ready to have your child take these, log into his or her i-Ready account and follow the instructions for administration of the diagnostic included as a separate attachment on the email with this letter. Once the assessment has concluded just log out of the system and you are finished.

- **3-8 Reading /Math:** Students in Grades 3 through 8 will complete their reading diagnostics using the i-Ready diagnostic and math benchmark by completing an ALEKS Knowledge Check. The date for providing this to your child will be June 9th for reading and June 11th for math. Students will not have any other classroom responsibilities on those day. The diagnostics may be taken at any time on these dates that is most convenient for you and your child. Each measure takes the average student between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. When you are ready to have your child take these, log into his or her i-Ready account and follow the instructions for administration of the diagnostic included as a separate attachment on the email with this letter. Once the assessment has concluded just log out of the system and you are finished.

I am glad to share that you will be able to continue to use the on-line suite of instructional resources available through both ALEKS and i-Ready throughout the summer. You can access these using the same credentials you are using to access these diagnostics.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support with the administration of the instructional diagnostics. Should you have any questions about the administration of the benchmarks please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the building principal for assistance.

Best Regards,

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