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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the weeks of February 29th – March 11th, third through eleventh grade students in the Cedar Rapids Community School District will be taking the Iowa Assessments. The Iowa Assessments provide information about many of the skills your student is learning at school in the content areas of: Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In addition:

- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* measure student growth and progress from year to year.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and identify areas that may need additional emphasis. The assessments produce information that enable sound decision making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* provide information about your student's performance relative to the school, the state of Iowa, and the nation.

The results from the Iowa Assessments will be received by the District in May and shared with families in a timely manner. Individual student scores, while of interest to educators and parents, must be looked at in conjunction with other assessments and teacher reports to get a reliable view of student's achievement level.

As always, parents work as partners with the schools. We appreciate your support in encouraging your student to do their personal best. You can help by making sure that they come to school each day, get plenty of rest, and have a healthy breakfast each morning.

Thanks in advance for your help in encouraging your child to give exceptional effort in school. Please call the school office if you have any questions about the testing or its administration.

Sincerely,

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