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Dear Grade Eight Parent / Guardian,

As partners in your child's education, it is important to ensure that they are prepared for each step along their educational journey. One way to determine student preparedness is through assessment, and therefore we will be administering ACT Aspire to your student during the Week of October 13 thru 16.

ACT Aspire will give us important information that will allow us to determine how your child is progressing at their current grade level, as well as along their overall path toward future college and career readiness. ACT Aspire will tell us which important skills, abilities, and knowledge your student has now, and which ones still need to be learned in order to be successful in school in the future. ACT Aspire will help your child's teacher understand where your child is succeeding, as well as where extra help or academic focus is needed. ACT Aspire will also provide specific suggestions for improving skills.

As has always been our district's practice, the testing program will not be the sole factor in determining entry into the Academy for Fine Arts and Academics (AFA²), Academy of Professional Studies, Career Academy, gifted-and-talented programs, honors classes or advanced placement courses. As appropriate, class work, teacher review, portfolio assessments, report cards, teacher recommendation, test results and other forms of formative and summative assessments are major factors in determining your student's school program. The ACT Aspire will be considered among these factors when reviewing student applicants to the Academies or other rigorous coursework such as General Education, College Prep, Honors, and AP classes for the 2016-2017 school year, and will help to demonstrate your child's preparedness for all high school programs.

Your student will be taking the ACT Aspire [English, math, reading, science and writing] assessment October 13 thru October 16. Please be sure that they are well rested and have a good breakfast those days in order to help them do their best. Please visit the following links to learn more about this assessment or to download a free copy of Why Take ACT Aspire?

- English: <http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/home#5032>
- Spanish: <http://actaspire.avocet.pearson.com/actaspire/home#5033>

Sincerely,

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