

PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #535

PUTNAM COUNTY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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> Michael S. Olson *Principal*

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Dear PCJH Parents and Guardians:

Our students will be taking the federally required assessments again this spring. The assessments are the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, or IAR. These assessments help us understand how and in what areas our students are growing compared to their peers across the state. We use these results as one piece of information to help guide our curriculum, interventions, and resource allocation.

Putnam County Jr. High will assess our students via our Chromebooks. Our students will begin taking the assessments on March 28, 2022. Students will take three math assessments and two English/Language Arts assessments. The test schedule will run the week of March 28th and we ask that you please help your child be in attendance in school that week and on time. Once assessments begin, no one is allowed to enter the classroom and they will have to be made up at a later date.

We ask that you help reiterate that we want all students to give their best effort on these assessments. It is recommended that all students make sure they get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. We also ask that you remind your child to make sure they charge their Chromebook each night to be ready for the assessments.

Thank you for helping our students do their best on the IAR and to show how they have grown this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Educational Service,

Michael S. Olson Principal