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Dear Pembroke families,

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance communication between district staff and families, we would like to provide some insightful details about i-Ready, our benchmark assessment for grades K-8.

The i-Ready Diagnostic is a rigorous assessment tool that adjusts questions based on student responses. Students begin the test at grade level, and the next item may adapt up or down based on the student's response. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly more complex questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. This assessment will help families and educators know where students are across the K-12 continuum of learning standards.

At the beginning of this school year, students took the first of three diagnostic assessments. It is now time for students to prepare to take the second diagnostic. The Winter i-Ready diagnostic assessment window will open on Monday, January 13, 2025, and close on Friday, January 31, 2025. During a scheduled time within this window, your child will take both the reading and math tests. The second diagnostic is an important benchmark for understanding your student's growth, which is why it's so important they try their best. These results allow their teachers to better support them in achieving their year-long goals.

The most important thing we can do is prepare students and motivate them to put forth their best effort during the test. To help prepare your child for the i-Ready Diagnostic, encourage them to

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast on the day(s) of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them they will get only about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.

It will also be helpful to your child to let them know that you're excited to celebrate their progress.

After the close of the assessment window, you will receive a second letter outlining the steps to access your child's score report. If you encounter issues accessing the digital reports or prefer a printed copy, please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! If you have any questions about i-Ready, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can also learn more about i-Ready by visiting i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter.

Sincerely,

Colleen Hoyne
Principal