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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I'm reaching out to let you know about the Vermont Comprehensive Assessment (VTCAP) happening this spring. This is the third year of the statewide VTCAP assessment, and will be conducted similarly as last year. VTCAP is required by the State of Vermont Agency of Education (VT AOE).

Students will be assessed in the following subject areas:

- English Language Arts (Grades 3-9)
- Mathematics (Grades 3-9)

### **Why Assessments Are Important**

The Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program (VTCAP) is important for several reasons:

- **It provides valuable information about student learning.** VTCAP results can help teachers, parents, and administrators identify areas where students need additional support. This information can be used to develop targeted interventions and improve instruction.
- **It helps ensure that all students are making progress.** VTCAP results are used to monitor student growth over time. This information can be used to identify students who are falling behind and need additional support.
- **It provides accountability for schools and districts.** VTCAP results are used to hold schools and districts accountable for student learning. Vermont schools need to achieve 95% participation rate statewide to determine the allocation of federal funds. The Vermont Agency of Education does not offer an option for families to opt out of this assessment.
- **It helps to improve teaching and learning.** VTCAP results can be used to identify areas where instruction can be improved.

The schedule will be as follows:

**Monday, April 7: Math Session 1, 8:45-9:45**  
**Tuesday, April 8: Math Session 2, 8:30-9:30**  
**Wednesday, April 9: ELA Session 1, 8:30-9:30**  
**Thursday, April 10: ELA Session 2, 8:15-9:45**  
**Friday, April 11: Makeups**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Marlow', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David Marlow, Principal