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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) replaced the Iowa Assessments as the statewide assessment in 2019 and is a more challenging assessment aligned to the Iowa Core standards. The ISASP is given in the Spring and measures the Iowa Core standards in English Language Arts (consisting of two parts – reading and language/writing), Math and Science. Students in grades 3 through 11 take the English Language Arts and Math tests; Science tests are also administered to students in grades 5, 8 and 10.

Parents will receive an [Individual Student Report](#) for their child, which will show the achievement level and scale score in each of the content areas assessed. The achievement score is broken into three areas: Advanced, Proficient, and Not Yet Proficient. [Scale scores](#) define the range of scores for each of the three achievement scores and will eventually show student growth. In 2019 a new baseline was set, therefore, growth scores will not be available until after the 2020 assessment. Domain scores will also be shared, which will give an indication of the student's strengths and opportunities for improvement.

We anticipate receiving and sending Individual Student Reports in the near future. Because the new state test is more aligned to Iowa's academic standards, it is more challenging than the previous assessment and should not be compared to the Iowa Assessments. The Iowa Core standards have high expectations and delineate what students should know and be able to accomplish at each grade level. The staff at Cedar Falls Schools will look at where students are academically and assist them in developing the knowledge and skills as they move from grade to grade. We are committed to the PLC process and will work student by student, skill by skill to ensure that all students are progressing on the standards.

The ISASP is only one measure that assists teachers in understanding if students are meeting the standards and where they may need additional assistance. If you have questions regarding the ISASP, please contact Pam Zeigler or Christine Mangrich at 319-553-3000.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pam Zeigler
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