Dear CVMS Families:

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success, known as CMAS, are the state's end-of-year common measurement of students' progress and include the following assessments:

• English language arts/ELA: Grades 6-8

Math: Grades 6-8Science: Grade 8

• Social Studies: *At select schools. (CVMS was not selected to take Social Studies this year.)

Makeup testing and missed instruction can be avoided by scheduling appointments and vacations for non-testing days, and by ensuring that your student arrives at school on-time. Students may not have electronic devices during testing and will be asked to turn them off and put them in their locker or give them to the teacher before testing begins. This provides a standardized testing environment across classrooms and ensures the validity of tests for all students.

Please review the CMAS Schedule below to ensure that your student is present for testing.

| Monday | <u>Tuesday</u> | Wednesday | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| April 7 | <u>April 8</u> | April 9 | <u>April 10</u> | April 11 |
| | Literacy Math | Make-Ups | Literacy Math | Literacy Math |
| Monday | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
| April 14 | <u>April 15</u> | <u>April 16</u> | <u>April 17</u> | April 18 |
| Make-Ups | Science | Science | Make-Ups | Make-Ups |

Data from assessments are critical in determining if educational goals are being met and if students are on track to graduate prepared for college and careers. Your support is appreciated; however if you do plan to excuse your student from testing, you can do so in the Parent Portal until February 28th. Link: https://assessments.dpsk12.org/o/assessment/page/cmas.

Find student practice resources here: https://coassessments.com/practice-resources/

CDE family resources here: http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents.

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