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Dear Cudahy Families

Students in grades 3-10 will soon be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam during a state assigned testing window from March 28th - April 29th. This assessment is designed to provide information about what students know in the core academic areas and whether they can apply what they have learned.

The Forward Exam will be given at grades 3-8 in English language arts and mathematics, additionally grades 4 and 8 in science and social studies and grade 10 in social studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during your school's scheduled time frame and it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Your building principal will be communicating with all families about the testing schedule for students. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

The Wisconsin Forward assessment measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations or placement in classes to best support your child(ren).

Students should be encouraged to do their best, but testing should not be treated differently than any other school experience. Before any testing situation, it is important for your child to get a good night's sleep and have an adequate breakfast. Talking with your child about the purposes for the tests will also be helpful.

Though this assessment is important, it is only one measure of your child's progress in school. Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers and other school staff to get a full picture of your child's school success. Attached with this letter is an *Informational Brochure for Families* which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used. If you wish to opt your student out of this assessment a written letter needs to be provided to your building principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tina Owen-Moore

Superintendent of the School District of Cudahy