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Dear Parent/Family:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that your child will be taking the district's Benchmark 2 assessments. The purpose of the Benchmark 2 assessments are to measure what your child learned during the second quarter. The data gained from the Benchmark 2 assessments supports teachers with identifying instructional strategies and resources to meet the needs of each student.

The Benchmark 2 assessments will take place beginning on January 20th and will go through February 13th. The Prince George's County Public Schools Assessment and Reporting Platform (PARP) will be used to administer the Benchmark 2 assessments. No grades will be assigned based on these assessment results. The results of the Benchmark 2 assessments will be used by teachers and schools to enhance instruction on skills your child is learning in the classroom.

The Benchmark 2 assessments will cover the four major content areas of Mathematics, Reading/English/Language Arts (RELA), Science, and Social Studies. The Mathematics Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades K-8, and select high school courses. The RELA Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades 3 through 10. The Science Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and High School Biology. Lastly, the Social Studies Benchmark will be administered to students in grade 8 and to students taking the High School LSN Government course.

If you have a question about the test schedule or Benchmark 2 assessments, please contact your child's school.