Egg Harbor City Public School District Parent/Guardian End of the Year Assessment Letter

Hello Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your family are doing well. Thank you for all your support while our students are learning from home. This is truly a team effort and we are glad to have you on our team!

In the upcoming 4 weeks, your child will participate in online English Language Arts and Math assessments. The assessments are similar to other online tests the children participated in earlier this year. It is important that these tests are taken *independently*, without any assistance or outside digital/print resources. Additional information with specific dates/times and directions for accessing the test will be provided to your child. It is very important that these tests are completed during the time assigned.

The results from these assessments will provide important overall course performance and information to measure end of year mastery of learning standards and skills. In addition, this information will help next year's teachers to determine how to best support your child in the Fall. Please note, these assessments are only one of the multiple measures we use to make instructional decisions.

We appreciate your assistance in creating a secure testing environment by:

- Providing a quiet space with limited interruptions where your child can work.
- Reminding your child that he/she is not permitted to search the internet or use other offline resources to help answer questions.
- **Refraining from coaching and providing assistance of any kind**. Questions can be read to your child only if stated in their IEP.
- Not allowing access to a calculator for Math, except on the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II *LinkIt* assessments. Your child's teacher will let your child know if he/she is taking one of these tests.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Parent/ Guardian Letter LinkIt Assessments

This week your child will be taking the: LinkIt ______ Assessment

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- Not allowing access to a calculator for Math, except on the Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II assessments. Your child's teacher will let your child know if he/she is taking one of these tests.

Logistical information related to your child taking the *LinkIt At Home Assessment*:

- The test can be accessed from any device: desktop, laptop, Chromebook, tablet, or phone (not encouraged due to screen size) that is connected to the internet.
- If possible, your child should use the Google Chrome browser. If you don't have it, you can download it for free.
- Your child will log into test.linkit.com
 - Test code:_____
 - Click <u>ONLY</u> on your child's name to begin
 - Do not exit until the assessment is complete
 - All questions must be answered

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Parent/ Guardian Letter Let's Go Learn Assessments

This week your child will be taking the: Let's Go Learn _____ Assessment

DORA, ADAM, and DOMA are diagnostic computer adaptive tests. As students answer questions correctly, the test will get harder, as they are making mistakes, the questions will get easier.

We appreciate your assistance in creating a secure testing environment by:

- Providing a quiet space with limited interruptions where your child can work.
- Ensuring your child has headphones if the environment is not quiet enough.
- Encouraging your child to do his or her best.
- Informing them that a best practice is to break the test into shorter sessions (20-30 minute intervals work well)
 - Click the stop button to stop. Re-log in to resume testing.
- Reminding your child that he or she is not permitted to search the internet or use other offline resources to help answer questions.
- Remembering **NOT** to help your child because they will not get the lessons assigned that they need. We need to know what they do not know in order to assign the correct lessons. Questions can be read to your child only if stated in their IEP.
- Not allowing access to a calculator for Math. Your child's teacher will let your child know specifically if he/she is allowed to.
- Providing scratch paper and pencil for the math testing
- Reminding them if they don't know an answer they should answer with their best guess
 - For math, if they don't know how to approach a problem in about a minute, they should guess or click the "I don't know button" if it appears

Logistical information related to your child taking the Let's Go Learn Assessment

- The test can be accessed from any device: desktop, laptop, Chromebook, tablet, or phone (not encouraged due to screen size) that is connected to the internet.
- Log into <u>www.letsgolearn.com</u>
 - Sign in using the login provided to your child
 - Under "Assessments" please have your child click on- DORA: Diagnostic Online Reading Assessment/ DORA Spanish/ ADAM: Adaptive Diagnostic Assessment of Mathematics, K-7/ DOMA: Diagnostic Online Math Assessments
 - To take a "break" Click the stop button to stop. Re-log in to resume testing.

For ADAM: Total assessment time is as follows: Grades K and 1: 10 to 20 min.; Grades 2 to 3: 30 to 45 min; Grade 4 to 5: 60 to 75 min.; Grade 6 to 7: 80 to 120 mins. Plan to break the assessment into multiple 1/2 to 1 hour sessions to reduce student fatigue.

For DORA: Total assessment time is as follows: Grades K and 1: 10-20 min, Grades 2 to 12: 30 to 60 minutes (occasionally longer for older students)

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.