



South Harrison Township Elementary School District

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Dear Families of Students in Grades 4-6:

Next week, students will be participating in the Start Strong Assessment, which is a statewide assessment being administered to all students in grades 4-8 in the subjects of ELA, Math, and Science (grade 6 only). These assessments are intentionally brief, based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards, and designed to quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. They utilize three performance levels (Strong Support May Be Needed; Some Support May Be Needed; and Less Support May Be Needed) to aid educators and families in making decisions about the types of supports students may need as we progress through this school year.

The following is the administration schedule:

- **Math:** Tuesday, October 11
- **ELA:** Wednesday, October 12
- **Science:** Thursday, October 13 (6th grade only)

Students will be taking the assessments during their regularly scheduled class time, and it will include the same accessibility features and accommodations as the NJSLA. Please review the following link for more information regarding the Start Strong assessment:

[Start Strong Testing Resources](#)

Sincerely,

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