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Dear Morrisville Community,

Due to the challenges school districts faced from the effects of COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Education provided an extension to all 2020-2021 standardized assessments. As such, all students within grades 4 through 9 will be administered the PSSA exams during the month of September. In addition, students enrolled in English 10, Algebra I, and Biology during the 2020-2021 school year are also required to take the Keystone exams.

Intermediate School students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in the PSSA exams beginning September 9th, extending to September 22nd. Dates by subject are as follows:

- English Language Arts: September 9th, 10th, and 14th
- Mathematics: September 15th and 17th
- Science: September 21st and 22nd (5th graders only will be testing)

Middle and High School students in grades 6 through 9 will participate in the PSSA exams from September 13th through the 15th. The Science examination will be administered to 9th grade students only on Friday, September 17th. Make-up exams are scheduled for September 20th. Current 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students will participate in asynchronous instruction from home during this testing window.

High School students enrolled in **English 10** during the 2020-2021 school year will take the Literature Keystone Exam on Tuesday, September 21st. All students who were enrolled in **Algebra I** during the 2020-2021 school year will take the Algebra Keystone Exam on Wednesday, September 22nd. All students who were enrolled in **Biology** during the 2020-2021 school year will take the Biology Keystone Exam on Thursday, September 23rd. Make-up examinations are scheduled for Friday, September 24th. High School students not taking a Keystone Exam will participate in asynchronous instruction from home on these dates. Middle School students will attend school in-person during this testing window.

A visual testing calendar can be accessed using the following hyperlink: [Morrisville M/S High School Testing Schedule](#). The calendar identifies the students that should report for testing each day. Families will also be notified via email or phone communication the day before to remind students to report for testing.

All Middle/Senior High School students are encouraged to participate in Spirit Week during their assigned assessments. Students may dress according to the theme of the day found at the following hyperlink: [Spirit Week](#).

Finally, all Morrisville students in grades K through 12 will take District Benchmark Exams the week of September 27th through October 1st. All students will attend school, with regular schedules followed.

It is important that our students have every opportunity to do well. Good rest, a healthy breakfast, and a word of encouragement from you will set the stage for an excellent start! Therefore, arriving at school on time is essential. **Please note: upon arrival to the exam room on testing days, M/S HS student cellphones will be collected by test administrators to ensure that test security is not violated.**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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