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Dear Parents/Guardians of Meeker School District Students,

The Meeker School District will again administer state-mandated standardized tests during the 2018-2019 school year. Because administration of these tests are required by state and federal law, failure to give them could result in negative consequences for individual schools and/or the school district. Therefore, we will comply with the current laws as written.

Attached to this letter is an assessment calendar that outlines which tests will be given and the estimated time required for each test. This calendar includes both state and federal mandated assessments as well as district-wide assessments that have been, or will be, administered in the 2018-2019 school year.

While administration of the assessments is required by law and our school district has achieved Accredited with Distinction status three years in a row, which is based primarily on the results of these tests, we encourage parents to determine what is in the best interest of their own children. Should you wish to opt your student out of the upcoming state mandated tests, please fill out the form on the reverse of this page and return it to the district office. Please be aware that this opt out is allowed only for state mandated assessments.

As in years past, the test results will be used by the the Colorado Department of Education, as well as private entities, to evaluate our schools and to determine accreditation ratings. Furthermore, the majority of our teachers have indicated that they find value in the data provided through state mandated assessments. Therefore, it is of great benefit to the district to have all students take the tests so that the data we receive is a representative demonstration of student learning. We ask your help by encouraging your child to take the tests seriously and to put forth his or her best effort.

If you would like further information about the tests and the State mandates, please feel free to contact me. I also encourage you to contact our legislators to express any observations or concerns. In the meantime, please help us provide an efficient and positive testing environment when the time comes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Selle'.

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I am opting my student(s) out from taking the following state mandated tests (please check all boxes that apply):

- All state mandated assessments (CMAS, PSAT, SAT)
- CMAS Mathematics
- CMAS English/Language Arts
- CMAS Science
- CMAS Social Studies
- PSAT 9
- PSAT 10
- SAT

Print: Student(s) Name(s)

I understand that this opt out is applicable only to the 2017-2018 school year.

Parent Name: _____
Print Name Signature Date

If you wish to opt your child out of state assessments, please return this form to the Meeker School District Office no later than March 1, 2019

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The Meeker School District 2018-19 Formal Assessment Calendar

CMAS (ELA & Math) Grades 3-8

***Language Arts**

3rd-5th(Session 1)-April 2; 90 min.
3rd-5th(Session 2)-April 3; 90 min.
3rd-5th(Session 3)-April 4; 90 min.
6th-8th(Session 1)-April 1; 110 min.
6th-8th(Session 2)-April 2; 110 min.
6th-8th(Session 3)-April 3; 110 min.

***Math**

3rd-5th(Session 1)-April 2; 65 min.
3rd-5th(Session 2)-April 3; 65 min.
3rd-5th(Session 3)-April 4; 65 min.
6th-8th(Session 1)-April 1; 90 min.
6th-8th(Session 2)-April 2; 90 min.
6th-8th(Session 3)-April 3; 90 min.

CMAS (Science & Social Studies) Grades 5,8, 11

***Science**

5th(Session 1)-April 9; 80 min.
5th(Session 2)-April 10; 80 min.
5th(Session 3)-April 11; 80 min.
8th(Session 1)-April 8; 80 min.
8th(Session 2)-April 9; 80 min.
8th(Session 3)-April 10; 80 min.
11th(Session 1-3)-March 26; 150 min.

****Social Studies - TBD**

****ACCESS for ELL's;** Jan. 7 – Feb. 8; 4 hours

*****NWEA (Grades K-10);** Aug. 27 - Sept 27; Jan 14 - March 14; April 22 - May 16; 40 min.

****PSAT-(Grade 9);** April 9 - 4 hours

****PSAT-(Grade 10);** April 9 - 4 hours

****SAT (Grade 11);** April 9 - 4 hours

****DIBELS (Grades K-3);** Aug. 23 - Sept. 13, Dec. 3 - Dec. 13, April 29 - May 9; 20 min. each session

*****DIBELS (Grades 4 & 5);** Aug. 23 - Sept. 13, Dec. 3 - Dec. 13, April 29 - May 9; 20 min. each session

*****Naglieri (Grade 2);** Jan. 16; 30 min.

*****Naglieri (Grade 6);** Jan. 17, 30 min

*** Federal Mandate**

**** State Mandate**

***** District Mandate**

All dates and times are subject to change.

“Excellence in All We Do”