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To: Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent

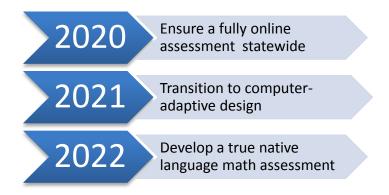
From: Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

RE: Illinois Assessment of Readiness 2020

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is a federally required standardized measure intended to determine student mastery of the Illinois Learning Standards for grades 3-8 in English language arts and mathematics. The number of testing units and time allocated to each are attached to this memo. This is the second year the IAR will be administered since Illinois moved away from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in the Spring of 2019.

The District 90 testing window for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness is Tuesday, March 31 – Friday, April 24, 2020. Each school building will develop its own testing schedule which will be shared in advance with families of testing students. Families with questions are encouraged to contact school principals directly.

Last year, the Illinois State Board of Education provided an Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Timeline for moving the IAR toward a testing platform that is more responsive to individual students. A computer-adaptive testing platform adjusts the questions student receive based on a correct or incorrect response. Correct answers lead to increased question difficulty, and incorrect answers decrease difficulty in order to be more targeted in determining student level of mastery. Additional information will be provided to the D90 Board of Education as it is released.



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