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Dear Triad Staff, Students and Community,

The intent of this letter is to inform you of the most recent updates to standardized testing at the federal level, as well as, in Ohio. I will continue to update you as information becomes available. At this point, changes are being made quickly, and my hope is to keep you informed as those changes occur.

As of March 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education removed all federal requirements for K-12 standardized testing. Although there are no longer requirements at the federal level, there are still state laws in Ohio that mandate standardized testing, above the federal minimums. A decision has not yet been made for testing in Ohio, although we hope to hear guidance on this issue soon. In Governor DeWine's daily update on Sunday, he mentioned asking Ohio's General Assembly to pass a measure to forgo state-mandated testing for the rest of the school year. We plan to keep you updated, as more formal information comes out regarding standardized testing and what it means for our students.

What we know at this point:

Advanced Placement Testing

For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered. Information about the reduced scope of content that will be covered on each 2020 AP Exam is currently posted on AP Central. The specific test dates and the free-response question types will all be posted by April 3. Please watch for additional updates on AP Central, or contact your teacher if you have any questions (Ms. Turner - turnerc@triadk12.org; Ms. Fograscher - fograscherj@triadk12.org).

ACT Testing

Triad High School gave the ACT on March 10, 2020 prior to moving to distance learning. Although the majority of our students were able to test before going on break, many were absent during the original testing window. We will not be in session for the makeup date, which was scheduled for March 24, 2020. We are awaiting guidance on what this means for our junior students who were unable to test.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee & Graduation Requirements

Although Ohio has not yet formally communicated information regarding students who have not met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee or graduation requirements, we remain hopeful that the recent school closing will not impact our students ability to move forward in their academic and post high school careers. Both Governor DeWine and State Superintendent DeMaria have said the state will be reasonable in accommodating both groups of students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you,

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