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April 19, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) Grade 6, assessments on the following dates:

- ELA Reading: May 3, 2021
- ELA Math: May 4, 2021

**Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments. The Florida Department of Education (DOE) requires all students present during the testing window to participate in the assessment. Therefore, all students present on any testing or make-up testing days will be required to sit for the assessment. Furthermore, unlike some states, Florida has no "opt-out" policy for state assessments used as the required measures of student achievement for the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.** Students not in attendance on day of their test(s) will be marked absent and standard absence reporting procedures will be in effect. The final determination of whether a student is in attendance on their scheduled testing day remains with the parent/guardian(s).

Testing days are full school days from 9:30 am to 4:20 pm. Students will remain in their test centers until approximately 3:00 pm at which time they will be released to attend their assigned class for the day. The campus opens at 8:50 am and students will be dismissed at 4:20 pm. Students will need to bring their computer and/or iPad, fully charged, along with their charger. All students are encouraged to bring a water bottle, sweater/jacket, and are required to wear a mask.

The health and safety of all Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students and staff are among the Nova Middle School highest priorities. BCPS has deployed personal protective equipment, signage and electrostatic sprayers to all schools to assist with ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for students and teachers. **All students, employees and visitors are expected to complete a daily at home health assessment before leaving for school or work each day. In addition, all students, employees, visitors and vendors are required to wear face coverings, unless medically exempt.** Additional



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information about the District's health and safety protocols can be found online at <https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus>.

The tests your student is scheduled for are designed to be taken over two days (one session per day) to prevent testing fatigue. However, in an effort to reduce the number of in-person testing days for your student, districts and schools have been granted permission by FDOE to offer the option of administering two sessions in the same day.

For information regarding session lengths for Spring 2021 assessments, please see the [2020–2021 Florida Statewide Grade-Level Assessments Fact Sheet](#).

To help your student become comfortable with the item types and response formats, the following resources are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>:

- Paper-Based Practice Tests and Answer Keys
- Student Presentations

If you have any questions related to this test administration, please contact Andrea Coy at [Andrea.Coy@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:Andrea.Coy@BrowardSchools.com). For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during Spring 2021 assessments.

Sincerely,

Rayner Garranhan