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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the first administration (Progress Monitoring 1 (PM) for the Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments on between the dates of September 19 – September 28, 2022. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test “blueprint,” meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

**Electronic Devices** – Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, smart phones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g. restrooms, lunch time), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](http://FLFAST.org).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Georgette Hamm, 7<sup>th</sup> grade AP, Acting Principal.

