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Dear Wass Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Graders,

When we return from Spring Break, the 2018 M-STEP Assessment (Michigan Student Test of Education Progress) will be administered in the months of April and May. This is a state mandated assessment that all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the state of Michigan will participate in. A calendar has been published by the State of Michigan's Department of Education that gives a testing window when each test must be administered. The Wass testing schedule is listed below for your information and review.

<b>WASS M-STEP TESTING SCHEDULE</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	April 10	ELA
	April 12	Math
	April 17	Social Studies
	April 19	Science
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	May 1	ELA
	May 3	Math
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	May 9	ELA
	May 10	Math

This year, all students in the Troy School District will be taking the M-STEP online using his or her own iPad. The district has also provided each elementary building with plug in keyboards to work with the iPads for instructional purposes. The students have been using the keyboards in the classroom during instruction and they will use the keyboards for the M-STEP assessment as well. There are a few things that you can do to assist us in making sure your child is ready daily to take this test. Please help us with the following:

- Make sure your child's iPad is charged up every night to 100% power.
- Your child will need headphones to listen to directions on the assessment. (NO ear buds please.)
- Make sure your child has his/her iPad at school every day.
- Arrive at school on time.
- Eat breakfast before coming to school.
- Get a good night of sleep. Monitoring bedtimes is appreciated.

We do know that attendance at school is extremely important at all times; and, when a child is absent, we have some flexibility to help him or her catch up. This fact is not true for M-STEP. We are asking that you please adhere to the above schedule and refrain from scheduling voluntary absences for your child during your child's assessment period. Again, if a child is absent on specific days, we will do all that we can to administer the test on the make-up day, but know that your child will miss important class time in order to make-up the M-STEP assessment(s) that were missed.

If you have any questions about the M-STEP, I would be happy to answer them for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Jansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Matt Jansen

