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From: Adam Larsen, Assistant Superintendent

To: Board of Education

Cc: Thomas Mahoney, Superintendent

Re: March 2024 Board Report

Spring Testing Season

Both buildings are gearing up for the spring 2024 testing season. The biggest change from 2023 to 2024 is that the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is moving from the ISBETeach platform to Pearson Access Next (PAN). While this is taking a lot of time and effort to migrate our processes and retrain our staff, it is a welcome change. The other high-stakes test, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), has been on the PAN platform for many years, which means it is already familiar to many on our teams. The ISBETeach platform was not very robust, with a limited feature set, difficult navigation, and a poor overall experience for organizing and testing students. The move to PAN means we can adapt our very well-developed IAR processes to apply to ISA and create a single set of timelines and templates.

To get a sense of how many assessments will be taking place, which grade levels they cover, and when they are given, the following table summarizes each of those dimensions.

Assassment	Subject(s)	OES					OJSHS						
Assessment		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	ELA Mathematics				Apr 8 – Apr 15		-	or 2 - r 12					
Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)	Science						Apr 17 - Apr 19			Mar 18 – Mar 20			Late Apr
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Reading Language Usage Mathematics	Apr 23 – May 3				-	iy 2 - y 10						
FastBridge	Reading Mathematics	Мау											
PSAT 8/9	Reading Mathematics										Apr 12		
PSAT 10	Reading Mathematics											Apr 12	
SAT	Reading Mathematics												Apr 12



Both the Illinois Science Assessment and the Illinois Assessment of Readiness can be completed on Chromebooks. Because we have enough devices for students to be nearly 1:1 at all times across the entire district, this allows us to test all students quite rapidly without having to schedule time in computer labs or with carts of computers.

Results for both assessments will not be available until over the summer. Those results will be shared with the Curriculum, Technology, and Data (CTD) Committee and the full board as they arrive.

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)

The Illinois Science Assessment takes place over three sessions that are each about 40 minutes:

Table 2.0 Administration Time

Task	Time to be Allotted for Test Administration		
Pre-administration tasks, including reading instructions to students and answering questions	5 minutes		
2. Distribution of test materials to students	5 minutes		
3. Administration of section	Should be able to complete in 40 minutes with a 2 hour time limit per section/unit (should not allow more than 2 hours per section/unit)^		
4. End-of-section activities, including logging students out of TestNav and collecting test materials	5 minutes		

[^]TestNav will not automatically stop testing after 2 hours. Students with extended time in their IEP or 504 plan can take up until the end of a school day to complete any one section.

There are three sections in each grade, and each section has 32 items (30 multiple choice, 2 written response) for a total of 96 items. The assessment questions are distributed evenly across three domains: Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth & Space Science.



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Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness consists of three units of varying lengths:

Table 2.1 Unit Testing Times for Grades 3–5 (in minutes)

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Mathematics Grade 3-5	60	60	60
ELA/Literacy Grade 3	75	75	n/a
ELA Literacy Grades 4-5	90	90	n/a

Table 2.2 Unit Testing Times for Grades 6-8 (in minutes)

Subject	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3		
Mathematics Grade 6-7	60	60	60		
Mathematics Grade 8	60	60	60		
ELA Literacy Grades 6-8	90	90	n/a		

Respectfully Submitted,

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