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Dear Parents,

Our schools administer the ITBS standardized test to students in grades 1-8 each fall. The purpose of the testing for grades 3-8 is diagnostic only. It is important to understand that these tests are not used to measure achievement, as the test data does not provide a measure of the student's knowledge of instructional content. The test reports indicate how well the child did in comparison with other students who took the same test during the same testing window of time.

The test has a mixture of questions covering key information from the prior school year, and introductory information from the current grade level expectations. Individual test results are analyzed by teachers who use the scores to assist them in planning appropriate curriculum for each student.

For those schools that test grades 1-2 students, the test materials are used for practice in test-taking only. The test curriculum goal at these levels is to prepare children to use an ITBS format and directions well when they are in grade 3.

Please feel free to call your school's principal with any questions you may have about our testing process.

Sincerely,

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