



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents:

A well-planned assessment program provides information to support educational decision-making. Measurement of student progress is best done using multiple assessments. No single test does it all. The key is determining the kind of assessment that best provides the desired information. Several years of research by the district prompted by changes in Pennsylvania law and academic standards created a need to change how we measure student achievement.

Testing or "assessment" plays a vital role in education today. Educators use results to help improve teaching and learning and to evaluate programs and schools. Assessment is also used to generate data for policy decisions making. Because of its important role, educational assessment is a foundation activity in every school, district and every state----a vital component in innovation, higher standards and educational excellence. The West Jefferson Hills School District is a leader in revising the measures that lead to increased student achievement for all children.

Specific information about the tests will be provided as they are administered in the classroom. The testing schedule can be found on the back of this letter. Dates are provided at this time in order to discourage the scheduling of any activities that would result in a student's absence during testing windows.

If you have questions please call Mrs. Tina Mayer at 412-655-4732.

Thank you.