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Byron Area Schools

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Dear BHS and BMS Families,

With the recent move to online learning for BHS and BMS, please note the following changes:

TUESDAY 4/27/21

- All 7th grade students will REMAIN HOME. This will be an asynchronous Virtual Learning Day for 7th grade students.
- 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9.
- 9th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9.
- 10th grade students will take the PSAT 10.
- 11th grade students will take the SAT with Essay. Students enrolled in other programs (Baker, Deep, Early College, GCI, Work Experience, etc.) must attend BHS for assessment days. This expectation will be communicated to our partnering institutions.
- All 12th grade students will REMAIN HOME. This will be an asynchronous Virtual Learning Day. 12th grade students in work experience or dual enrolled should plan to participate in those commitments.

8th-11th Grade students should note that testing will begin promptly at 7:50am, so students must report to their testing room no later than 7:45am. Administration will be done by SPARC class/teacher to maintain familiar groupings of students. After testing, your child may be excused from school with a written parent note presented to their testing room supervisor at the conclusion of testing. Students who remain in the building after their assessment will stay with their SPARC teacher until 2:50pm. Buses will run at their regular scheduled times.

- 8th-9th grade students will conclude assessment activities at approximately 11:30am.
- 10th grade students will conclude assessment activities at approximately 12:00pm.
- 11th grade students will be done with their assessment at approximately 12:30pm.

Online students (grades 8-11) are asked to attend the regular school day in order to participate in these assessments. Masks must be properly worn. There is not an alternative or virtual option for the administration of these tests. We have a proud tradition of excelling on these assessments and plan to continue that tradition. Please plan to have your child attend in-person on 4/27/21. Because we will have fewer students in the building we will be able to increase social distance and contact trace if needed.

ADDITIONAL TESTING DATES

- 7th grade students will take the M-Step in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics on May 4th & 5th.
- 8th grade students will take the M-Step in Social Studies and Science on April 21st and 22nd.
- **11th grade students will now take the ACT Workkeys on April 28th. Online 11th Grade students should plan to attend 4/28/21.** BHS students enrolled in other programs beyond BHS should plan to attend BHS for this assessment day. This expectation will be communicated to our partnering institutions. Juniors will participate in M-Step Tests on April 20th, but we will work to administer these tests to fit into students' regular daily schedules. **Online Juniors should plan to attend in person on 4/20 for this assessment, arriving in the HS office by 11:15am.**
- **Students with IEPs that receive accommodations will likely begin their assessments during the week of 4/19-4/22 in a small group setting, so students should make an effort to be present and ready to assess during that week. These students who have extended time are scheduled to conclude testing on 4/27 and 4/28.**

Thanks for your continued understanding and patience.

Best,



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