February 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We will be administering *Iowa Assessments* next week, February 7-10. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed so that—with your support and encouragement—your child will do his or her best on the tests.

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your child do his or her best by considering these tips:

* Make sure that your child is in school and on time on test days.
* Make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
* Remind your child that these tests are only **one** measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.

The *Iowa Assessments* measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

The tests help teachers identify a student’s strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your child during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at paulb@urbandaleschools.com or 515-457-5100.

Sincerely,

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Principal