



# CHESAPEAKE SCIENCE POINT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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Greetings Parents/Guardians

The first week of the 2020-21 School Year was a huge success. Although there were a few kinks with schedules, Google Meet Codes, and connectivity, overall, it was a great week.

As we continue to prepare rigorous lessons for our students, we also need to be mindful of the gaps in learning that occurred on March 13<sup>th</sup> due to Covid-19. To help teachers identify and address the gaps of learning, I purchased the I-Ready software for all Middle School students. The software program is research-based and is being utilized by all Maryland Middle Schools. Beginning Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, all students in grades 6-8 will take the Math diagnostic test and those same students will take the Reading diagnostic test beginning the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. If your student is absent on any of the testing days, they will be afforded an opportunity to take the diagnostic test.

The data gathered from the diagnostic test will provide a prescriptive learning path for your student. Students will work on I-Ready at least twice weekly during their scheduled math classes and the same for their scheduled English Language Arts Classes. In addition to accessing the I-Ready program during their class time, students in English Language Arts will be assigned homework.

It is important that your student is focused and does their best when they sit for the diagnostic test. We do not want parents to assist their student as it defeats the purpose of identifying gaps in learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [djefferson@mycsp.org](mailto:djefferson@mycsp.org). Again, this is a diagnostic assessment that will be used to assist teachers with addressing any gaps in student learning experienced due to the Covid-19 shutdown last Spring.

Respectfully,

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Principal