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Chief Academic Officer

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Dear Parent/Guardian of First Grade Students:

Prince George's County elementary and K-8 schools will administer the *i-Ready Diagnostic* in Reading and Math to all Grade 1 students. The diagnostic will be administered to both hybrid and full distance learners. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* will be administered between **Monday, April 19, 2021 and Friday, April 30, 2021**. Assessment results will be available in May 2021.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts questions based on your child's responses. It is expected that your child will not be able to answer every question correctly. The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is untimed, but most students complete the assessment in 45-60 minutes.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* will be used as a part of the universal testing and screening for Grade 1 students in order to identify talented and gifted learners for gifted services. Due to the pandemic, our procedure has been modified this school year. The Talented and Gifted (TAG) Office will collect multiple data points to determine eligibility for TAG services including:

- i-Ready Reading National Percentile;
- i-Ready Math National Percentile;
- Modified Gifted Characteristics Teacher Checklist; and
- Report card grades for TAG identification review.

Your child's teacher will be communicating with you and your child to provide technological support, logistics, and steps on how to access the assessments.

It is critical that your child take the assessment independently with no assistance provided on test questions. Please click on the links below to learn how you can encourage your child to do their best on the *i-Ready Diagnostic*.

- Introduction to the *iReady Diagnostic*: <https://tinyurl.com/3hsyd6bs>
- Video for Parents-Information on the *iReady Diagnostic*: <https://tinyurl.com/jrc74vzk>
- Checklist for Administering the *iReady Diagnostic* At Home: <https://tinyurl.com/98ku55zt>

Your child will need your support by helping them select a quiet place to complete the assessment and removing all non-testing materials such as phones, textbooks, and notebooks to minimize distractions.

Your child may also need your assistance with connecting to the i-Ready platform which is accessed through Clever.

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Please avoid appointments that may prevent your child from attending school during this period. Also, it will help your child perform best if he or she begins the school day with a positive attitude, a good night's rest, and a healthy breakfast.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school. If you would like more information about TAG services, please contact the TAG coordinator at your child's school.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith J. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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