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Dear Stormonth Families.

Wisconsin students in grades 3-8, and 10 will be participating in the Forward Exam between March 17 and April 25, 2025. State assessments, including the Forward Exam, are required by both State (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law. Students at Stormonth are scheduled to take the Forward Exam April 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16. One or more subtests may be administered daily during our selected time frame.

The Forward Exam tests students in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades 3-8, Science in grades 4 and 8, and Social Studies in grades 4, 8, and 10. The Forward Exam is administered on a computer and measures the knowledge and skills students should have for their grade-level. While their performance on the assessment will not affect their grades, we do encourage students to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations regarding curriculum, placement, and services to best support students.

Students will need their assigned school device, **wired** headphones or earbuds, a water bottle and a reading book each day of testing. Please also note, electronic devices of any kind, including cell phones and smart watches, are strictly prohibited during testing sessions. Please make sure students are healthy and well rested before sending them to school. Students not in school on testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window.

You may access more information by clicking on the following links; <u>Forward Exam Information for Families</u> (<u>Spanish</u> version) (<u>Hmong</u> version).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Laura Dahm, Director of Teaching and Learning.

Thank you,

Andrew Joseph, Principal

Laura Dahm, Director of Teaching and Learning