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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 6-8,

The East Islip School District will be utilizing i-Ready® Diagnostic, an innovative assessment for math and reading. Students in grades 6-8 will take this assessment during the weeks of October 1st and October 8th to help teachers effectively assess their students. i-Ready Diagnostic measures the following skill areas:

Reading Math
Phonics Number and Operation
High-Frequency Words Algebra and Algebraic Thinking
Vocabulary Measurement and Data
Comprehension Geometry
Phonological Awareness

i-Ready Diagnostic begins by giving students an adaptive assessment in both math and reading. An adaptive assessment is a test that automatically adjusts the difficulty of the questions according to each student's performance to determine his or her abilities in math and reading. Before your child begins the assessment, it's important to set appropriate expectations. i-Ready presents students with questions that can be both too easy and too hard. It is designed to do this until the assessment finds exactly the level at which the student is performing. Therefore, your child will certainly see some items above his or her level. Encourage your child to independently complete the test to the best of his or her ability and know that it is okay to get questions wrong.

Each time a student gets an item incorrect, he or she will be presented with a simpler question until the diagnostic finds the grade level at which the student is performing. The assessment efficiently assesses students across multiple grade levels, allowing for identification of root causes of students' struggles or for identification of areas where a student is ready for further challenge. This information will then provide the teacher with a "road map" to instructional enrichment or remediation if needed.

i-Ready Diagnostic supports the teachers and administrators at your child's school. The program provides a series of comprehensive reports designed to make classroom instruction more effective. These reports include data about student performance as well as detailed teaching suggestions. They help educators make informed decisions about the instruction that is right for your child.

These assessments will be administered with headphones. Students are encouraged to bring in their own personal set. We suggest these are brought in a ziplocked bag and clearly labeled with their name on it. Please visit the Curriculum Associates website at www.CurriculumAssociates.com if you are interested in finding out more about i-Ready. Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631-224-2170.

Sincerely,

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