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Dear DCPS Parent,

This year, your child will participate in DCPS' district-wide paced interim assessments (PIAs). These assessments are important tools that help teachers determine what students know and what skills they have yet to master. In DCPS, the PIAs are fully aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), standards which help ensure that students are prepared for college and careers. These assessments will be administered to students in grades **2 to 12 in both English Language Arts and Math** and will cover targeted standards taught during a 6–8 week period of instruction. This year, students in grades 4 and up will complete the English Language Arts (ELA) portion of the assessments online. The score reports will show what knowledge and skills your child has attained and where we need to focus our instructional time and resources as a school.

Most paced interim assessments take less than an hour and will be administered **4 times** throughout the school year within the dates listed below:

Paced Interim Assessment (PIA)	Test Administration Window Note that your child will be tested a maximum of <u>two days</u> during this window
<b>PIA 1</b> Tests skills taught in Instructional Unit 1	October 3 – 11
<b>PIA 2</b> Tests skills taught in Instructional Unit 2	December 5 – 13
<b>PIA 3</b> Tests skills taught in Instructional Unit 3	February 12 – 21
<b>PIA 5</b> Tests skills taught in Instructional Unit 5	June 5 – 13

As on any other day, please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep, comes to school on time, eats breakfast, and is focused on doing his or her best. By ensuring that your child participates in these assessments, you are directly supporting his or her education – the results will give your child's teacher valuable information that can enhance his or her learning experience.

We strongly encourage you to talk with your child's teacher about his or her overall achievement, including his or her performance on these assessments. By partnering with your child's teacher, you can determine activities and resources that you can use at home to continue to build your child's skills. At parent-teacher conferences, you can review the PIA results with your child's teacher to gain a better understanding of your child's academic growth. If you have any questions regarding your child's performance or would like to hear suggestions on how you can support instruction at home, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. If you have specific questions about these assessments, you are welcome to contact the assessment team at [dcpsdata.accountability@dc.gov](mailto:dcpsdata.accountability@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

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