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UPDATE FOR 3/15/2016

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2016 – 2017 Approved School Calendar

SUPERINTENDENT NOTES FOR THE WEEK

MATH IN FOCUS PARENT NIGHT – PLEASE SEE THE FLYER FOR THIS GREAT PARENT EVENT- CLICK HERE

Please see this informational link on the *Administration of Annual Assessments*

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Standardized Testing Update

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and State Department of Education (SDE) Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell announced the implementation of a new step that will reduce testing time and expand learning time for more than 200,000 Connecticut children across over 800 schools. Changes to the application of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), impacting every student in grades three through eight, is as part of a broader effort to help districts spend less time testing students and more time teaching. As part of the new steps to reduce state testing, the performance tasks, which are often duplicative with in-class work, will be eliminated.

From the HS:

SAT and CAPT testing was a successful endeavor at Tolland High School on March 2! We had over 95% of our sophomores and juniors participate in testing and will work to provide access to the test to absent students in March (for CAPT Science) and on April 27 (for SAT). We thank the students for their thoughtful participation, parents for their positive encouragement for participation, and the staff for working so hard to orchestrate a very busy day.

Please click HERE to see more information from the state on the SAT

NWEA

The winter administration of the NWEA test in reading and mathematics for all freshman students was challenging to schedule with missed days and delays that could not have been predicted. Testing is now complete and teachers are using the resultant data to focus their instruction and set goals for student growth in the second semester. Similar NWEA testing occurs in all schools and is used to measure student growth, and to set teacher goals. For more information, please contact the Superintendent.

More information on the SBAC:
http://portal.ct.gov/Departments_and_Agencies/Office_of_the_Governor/Press_Room/Press_Releases/2016/02-2016/Gov_Malloy_and_Education_Commissioner_Wentzell_Announce_New_Step_to_Reduce_State_Testing/

On a related note, sign up for the Superintendent Community Workshops on ***Assessment***. These will build off the previous Workshop on Assessments in Tolland held this year. You do not have to have attended the first to attend these. They will be held March 22, 2016 and May 9,

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2016 held at the Central Office, 51 Tolland Green, starting at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Jen Palumbo @ jpalumbo@tolland.k12.ct.us.

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Links and other information of potential interest

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"Be Kinder Than Necessary" *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio