

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because your child is registered to take this spring's Measurements of Student Progress (MSP). Our school is offering the MSP online this year in reading and math in grades 6-8. Paper and pencil tests are 7th grade writing and 8th grade science.

The online MSP testing window this year is May 2 to June 3. The online testing window is larger than the paper-and-pencil window in order to allow schools enough time to rotate students in and out of computer labs/stations. Our school is testing during the window up to June 1st allowing for two make up days, June 2nd and 3rd.

Our school has scheduled time for students to practice taking the test on a computer. Your child can also practice at home by visiting www.WAtesting.com/online and clicking on the demo or tutorial links in the right-hand box. You can download the tutorial to your home computer and practice with your child.

Online testing was a big success in its first year. Of more than 100,000 students surveyed in spring 2010, 83 percent said they preferred to take state exams online over paper and pencil. This is certainly the future of testing and we are pleased to offer this option to our students.

If you have any questions regarding online testing, please give me a call or email: 509.222.6700, scott.parker@ksd.org

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

Scott Parker, Principal
Highlands MS