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Dear Willoughby-Eastlake Families,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, our school community is preparing for an important academic milestone. The Ohio State Tests for students in grades 3-8 and the associated high school end-of-courses tests are scheduled to begin as we return back from Spring Break. The Ohio State Tests are an opportunity for our students to demonstrate their learning and growth in core academic areas. These assessments are more than just tests; they are a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students throughout the year and a measure of our school district's commitment to academic excellence.

We understand that testing can be a source of anxiety for some students and families. However, we wish to stress the importance of approaching these tests with a positive mindset. Our district is an Academic Institution focused on showcasing the learning and growth of ALL our students. Success in these assessments is a collective effort that requires support from all of us. Here are some ways you can help your child prepare for the testing days:

- **Encourage a Positive Attitude:** Remind your child that these tests are an opportunity to showcase what they have learned. A positive attitude can significantly impact their performance.
- **Ensure Regular Attendance:** Consistent attendance leading up to the testing days is crucial. It helps students stay engaged with the curriculum and any preparatory activities.
- **Promote Healthy Habits:** A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast can greatly affect test-day performance. Encourage your child to adopt these healthy habits.
- **Offer Support and Encouragement:** Let your child know you believe in them and their abilities. Your support can boost their confidence and motivate them to do their best.

As a district, we are committed to providing a supportive environment for our students to excel. Our teachers have been working diligently to prepare students for the tests, focusing on both the content and the skills needed to tackle standardized assessments confidently.

In closing, we ask for your continued partnership in emphasizing the significance of the Ohio State Tests. Together, we can create a supportive atmosphere that encourages our students to approach these tests as an opportunity to shine and demonstrate their academic growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's education. Please be sure to refer to your child's school website and Principal Newsletter for updates on the building testing calendar. If you have any questions or need further information regarding the testing schedule or how to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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