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Dear Parent or Guardian,

With all of us working together to give our students the best possible school year, we would like to share some important information with you. As you may recall, the end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) tests were canceled due to COVID-19 related school closures last spring. This was possible because education leaders at the U.S. Department of Education granted a waiver from these tests for the 2019–20 school year.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, shared there will not be a waiver from testing for this school year. Students who are receiving instruction are expected to take the EOCs and EOGs. Our students who are receiving instruction remotely will go to their schools to take these tests. We understand that you may be concerned about the safety of your students when returning to the school building to take a test. To ensure this is a safe environment for our students, we will ensure health and safety requirements are in place.

- All students will be screened before entering the school building.
- All students will wear masks and practice social distancing guidelines.
- All students will have individual testing materials. No testing materials will be shared, including pencils.
- Hand-held calculators will be sanitized between uses.

This school year is like no other, and it is especially important to have test scores that will show you how your student is doing academically. Test scores, combined with other factors, will help you and your student's teacher to make the best decisions for future learning. **We will soon be sending out a follow up letter in regards to the End of Course Exams at HCEC this fall. Please be on the lookout for that letter.**

We are committed to ensuring your student's and your family's health and safety. We also want to make sure we provide each student the opportunity to learn and grow academically during this school year. As always, we are available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. Walter McPherson

Principal

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