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Dear Williamston Community Member,

Williamston Community Schools is proud to be a part of your child's educational experience. Last spring, students took one of Michigan's summative statewide tests. Students in grades 3-7 took the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). Students in grade 8 took the PSAT 8/9 (for English language arts and mathematics) and the M-STEP (for science and social studies). Students in grade 11 took the MME (Michigan Merit Exam). Thanks to technology improvements and online testing, our district has much earlier access to this data. Results from these assessments, with data from report cards, local assessments, and other standardized measurements deepen the overall picture of your child's academic progress.

As we learn more about our school's results, we can make decisions that will help improve instruction. Over time, each Williamston graduate will be stronger and better prepared to succeed in the next grade and after high school, in college or post-secondary training, career, and life. The information obtained from these assessments is used to deepen instructional practice. We encourage families to remember that state standardized test scores are just one measure of student progress and to keep them in perspective.

Individual M-STEP student reports for the 2018-19 school year will be mailed home the week of September 1st. Williamston High School students received their results during orientation. Families are encouraged to review the Parent Reports, and review the variety of resources available to assist with interpreting your child's state assessment report.

The Michigan Department of Education has developed several useful documents that are available for download on the M-STEP web page (www.michigan.gov/mstep) and MME web page (www.michigan.gov/mme):

- [Student Testing: What Parents Can Do to Help Students Prepare](#)
- [How to Read Your Student's Score Report: Grades 3-8](#)
- [How to Read Your Student's Score Report: Grade 11](#)

To review overall district and /or school achievement on the M-STEP and SAT, as well as many other state and county level educational data, visit the MI School Data website: <https://www.mischoldata.org>.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school with questions regarding your child's growth, curriculum, or instructional programming.

Respectfully,

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