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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you know, the School District of Holmen uses STAR Assessments in grades 2-9 as a universal screener to assess your child's reading and math current level of proficiency. These assessments are a computer, adapted test that are aligned to Wisconsin State Standards in reading and math. Because the assessment adapts uniquely to each child, this helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time. Teachers use the data they receive from Star Assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help. This year STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments will also be administered in grade 2 as a way to assist teachers with timely data and monitor student learning growth.

The STAR assessments use a scaled score to measure a student's level of proficiency. In order to better represent proficiency levels on the Wisconsin State Forward Exam, the STAR scaled score proficiency benchmark levels at each grade level have been raised. This will may alter where a student has scored in the past, but it will aid in providing a baseline indication of a student's performance on the Wisconsin Forward State Exam.

The scaled score is based on the difficulty of items and the number of correct responses. Scaled scores range from 0–1400 in Star Reading and Star Math. The STAR assessment will also calculate a percentile rank. A percentile rank expresses a student's ability relative to the scores of other students in the same grade and ranges from 1-99.

This is just one indicator that teachers use to inform them of your child's progress. Your child's performance in class is equally important to assessments given throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Edwards, Director of Instruction or Kellie Schmitz, Instructional Services Supervisor at 526-1329.

Sincerely,

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