Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that your child will be taking the district’s Benchmark and/or Formative Assessment System Test (FAST) Assessments. The Benchmark and FAST Administrations will take place beginning on November 2nd and go through December 4th. PGCPS will be using the Pearson TestNav platform to administer the Benchmark and FAST Assessments. Your child’s teacher will be communicating with you and your child to provide technological support, logistics, and steps on how to access the assessments in the Pearson TestNav platform.

The assessments will cover the four major content areas of Mathematics, Reading/English/Language Arts (RELA), Science, and Social Studies. The RELA and Mathematics Benchmark assessments will be administered to students in grades 3 through 10. The Science and Social Studies FAST assessments will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and select high school courses.

The purpose of these assessments is to provide instructional tools for teachers to see what your child learned during the first quarter. No grades will be assigned based on these assessment results. The results of the Benchmark and/or FAST Assessments will be used by teachers and schools to enhance instruction on skills your child is learning in the classroom.

Your child will need your support by helping them select a quiet place to complete each assessment and removing all non-testing materials such as phones, textbooks, and notebooks to minimize distractions. Your child may also need your assistance with connecting to the appropriate technology platforms and applications. It is critical that your child take each assessment independently, with no assistance provided within the remote learning setting, so they can show what they have learned from the first quarter’s instruction. We are truly excited to provide the best e-learning opportunity and continue to support your child’s educational needs.

For more information on the assessment platform or technical assistance, please:

- Visit the PGCPS Distance Learning Site
  [https://www.pgcps.org/offices/testing-research-and-evaluation/testing-resources](https://www.pgcps.org/offices/testing-research-and-evaluation/testing-resources)

- Visit the Distance Learning Parent Resources
  [https://sites.google.com/pgcps.org/dl-parentresources/home?authuser=2](https://sites.google.com/pgcps.org/dl-parentresources/home?authuser=2)

- Visit the PGCPS Student Portal
  [https://www.pgcps.org/offices/testing-research-and-evaluation/login-to-testing](https://www.pgcps.org/offices/testing-research-and-evaluation/login-to-testing)

- Use one of the 9 Parent Support Centers across PGCPS. Parents and Families will be able to receive help with technology, navigating online platforms and other troubleshooting related to
distance learning. Parents may call 240-696-3315 to receive live assistance.

- Use the Distance Learning Hotline for live assistance regarding technical/equipment issues and/or instructional guidance and support 240-696-6229.