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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is pleased to inform you that your child will be taking the district's Fall Bridging Diagnostics Assessments to help support their instructional needs. The Fall Bridging Diagnostic Administration will take place between September 8, 2020 through September 25, 2020. 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.

The results of the Fall Bridging Diagnostics Assessments will be used by teachers and staff to implement and improve instructional practices. The assessments will cover the four major content areas Mathematics, Reading/English/Language Arts (RELA), Science, and Social Studies, along with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The purpose of these assessments are as instructional tools for teachers and no grades will be assigned.

The district will be using the Pearson Access platform and other technology platforms to administer the Fall Bridging Diagnostics Assessments. It is critical that your child take each assessment independently with no assistance provided.

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.

For more information on the assessment platforms or technical assistance, please;

- Visit the PGCPS Distance Learning Site <https://www.pgcps.org/testing/resources/>
- Visit the PGCPS Student Portal <https://www1.pgcps.org/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. Centers will operate Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parents may call 240-696-3315 during these hours to receive live assistance.
- Use the Distance Learning Hotline Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for live assistance regarding technical/equipment issues and/or instructional guidance and support 240-696-6229.

We are truly excited to provide the best e-learning opportunity and continue to support your child's educational needs.