



March 2019

Dear School District U-46 Parents and Guardians,

Our students take federally- required state assessments every spring. These assessments help us understand how our students are performing and growing academically, compared to their peers across the state. The state uses this information to provide more support and resources to the schools with the greatest needs. This year, the English language arts and math assessment for grades 3-8 is called the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness**.

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness is almost exactly the same this year as the state assessment that students took last year, only slightly shorter. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness measures how well students meet the [Illinois Learning Standards](#) and includes the same high-quality test questions used during the past four years.

Our students should feel prepared to show what they know and can do on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, even with the new test name and new look.

This year the testing window in School District U-46 opens April 1 and continues through April 26. Principals will inform families before their school's specific test administration.

If you have questions about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, please reach out to your principal or contact the Assessment and Accountability Department through [Let's Talk](#) or the phone number below. As always, we encourage our students to do their best every day. Thank you for your partnership in your child's academic success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Laura Hill'.

Laura Hill
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