

Date: March 22, 2024

Dear Advanced Technology Academy Families,

Enjoy your much deserved Spring Break from Monday March 25th to Sunday March 31, 2024. We will welcome you back on Monday April 1, 2024 as we start Quarter 4 of the 23-24 School Year. We would also like to congratulate our English Learners who completed their WIDA State Assessment in March!

Beginning on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024, ATA and all other schools in Michigan, will be administering the SAT, PSAT, Workkeys & M-Step Assessments to all students in grades 3rd through 11th. These tests are required by the Michigan Department of Education. All students in 11th grade must take all components of the Michigan Merit Examination (SAT, M-STEP Science, M-STEP Social Studies, and ACT Workkeys) to meet ATA graduation requirements.

Following State Assessments, students will be completing their Spring NWEA assessments required by our Charter Authorizer, Lake Superior State University. This reading and mathematics assessment is for grades Kindergarten through 10th. An assessment calendar is enclosed with this letter. Your student's Principal will provide you with any changes or updates.

The differences between these assessments is explained in the included 3-Column document. On the other side of that document, there is important information about preparing for the assessments: a good night's rest, breakfast and telling your student to do their best. These assessments are only a snapshot of all their strengths and we do not want to make them anxious about testing.

At our next Parent / Guardian Title-I School Improvement meeting we will be discussing these documents and other assessment questions you may have. The English session is April 12, 2024 virtually at 9:00 AM - the link will be on the calendar on our website; and the Spanish session is April 3, 2024 in the cafeteria at 4:00 PM.

Sincerely,

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