

September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of 5th-7th Grade Students:

We are beginning a school year unlike ever before. The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD is continually seeking ways to ensure that our students receive the best quality instruction, remotely or in-person. One of the first steps to ensuring all of our students have access to strong instruction is to meet the child where they are academically, and then design instruction to ensure their growth. It is important we can chart the progress made by all of our students. During the 2020-21 school year, we will continue to use i-Ready Diagnostic for Universal Screening of 5-7 students. The i-Ready Diagnostic is a type of computer adaptive test that matches the difficulty of test questions to the ability of each student. The test adapts to find the precise ability of each student in the quickest, most efficient way possible.

Our first i-Ready fall Diagnostic will be conducted remotely with our students starting September 14-30, 2020, for both ELA and Math. The benchmarks will provide results to help identify what your child already knows. It helps us adjust the level and intensity of classroom and remedial instruction to the needs of students. Assessing reading and math skills helps teachers to inform instruction, ensuring students are working to meet reading and math goals. Click here for [Tips for iReady Testing at home](#)

- **[Who will be screened?](#)** Each fall, winter and spring, students in grade 5-7 ELA and Math classes will be assessed using i-Ready Diagnostic along with existing measures. We will monitor progress more frequently for students who have been determined to require additional support with reading and math skills.
- **[How will the screening be completed?](#)** No special preparation for i-Ready Diagnostic testing is necessary, other than preparing for school as on any other day. The screening time varies for each student as it adapts to finding the ability of the individual student.
- **[How are i-Ready Diagnostic results used?](#)** i-Ready Diagnostic helps the teacher to identify the specific skills each student needs to develop and measures academic growth throughout the school year. It also provides teachers guidance on how they can best support the needs of each student. Individual student reports of i-Ready Diagnostic data are also available by contacting your child's teacher.
- **[How can I get additional information on how i-Ready Diagnostic is being used in school?](#)** If you would like additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

Summary of i-Ready Testing Domains

<p>i-Ready Diagnostic mathematical domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Number and Operations● Algebra and Algebraic Thinking● Measurement and Data● Geometry i-Ready	<p>i-Ready Diagnostic reading domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Phonological Awareness● Phonics ● High-Frequency Words● Vocabulary● Literature Comprehension● Informational Text Comprehension
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