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Dear Parent/Guardian of 5th-8th Grade Students:

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD is continually seeking ways to ensure that our students receive the best quality instruction. One of the first steps to ensuring all of our students have access to this instruction is to collect information regarding the academic progress of all of our students. During the 2019-20 school year, we will continue to use *i-Ready* Diagnostic for Universal Screening of 5-8 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.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* will provide results that help us identify what your child already knows and determine next steps for instruction. It helps us adjust the level and intensity of classroom and remedial instruction to the needs of each student. Assessing specific reading and math skills helps teachers to inform instruction, ensuring students are working to meet year end reading and math goals.

- **Who will be screened?** Each fall, winter and spring, students in grade 5-8 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 each 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>i-Ready</i> Diagnostic mathematical domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number and Operations ● Algebra and Algebraic Thinking ● Measurement and Data ● Geometry 	<p><i>i-Ready</i> 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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The Ken-Ton School Community will provide our students with the supports, tools, and diverse opportunities needed to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

We educate, prepare and inspire all students to achieve their highest potential.