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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Fairfield Public Schools will join millions of students across the United States in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Field Test this spring. SBAC is replacing the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) for these content areas.

For our schools, all students in grades 3-8 and 11 will participate in the Field Test in both mathematics and English language arts/literacy. Please note, students in grades 5, 8 and 10 are required to take the CMT and CAPT Science test. Students assessed with the CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist will not participate in the Smarter Balanced Field Test, but will continue to be assessed with the CMT/CAPT Skills Checklist.

Our elementary schools plan to administer the Field Test according to the following schedule:

- Grade 5 ELA and Math – March 18 – April 4
- Grade 4 ELA and Math – April 7 – April 25
- Grade 3 ELA and math – April 28 – May 16
- Grade 5 Science CMT – March 18

The tests are not timed however; it will take approximately 7 total hours to complete both content areas of English Language Arts and Math (less time than the CMT). Testing will be administered on a computer and scheduled over multiple sessions of about 45 minutes each, but may be scheduled in shorter or longer sessions as appropriate for the students.

To learn more about SBAC, parent presentations are being held according to the schedule below:

Friday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Stratfield School  
for parents of Stratfield, Jennings, McKinley, and North Stratfield Schools

Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Dwight School  
for parents of Dwight, Mill Hill and Burr Schools

Friday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Osborn Hill School  
for parents of Osborn Hill, Riverfield, Holland Hill and Sherman Schools

To comply with federal and state statute, participation in the field test is required. Please note that Smarter Balanced will adhere to all federal and state privacy laws, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Please visit the Smarter Balanced website at [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org) for more information. If you have any questions regarding your child's participation, please contact your school principal or me at 203-255-8372.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anna Cutaia-Leonard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

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