



**FAIRFIELD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

March 20, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Fairfield Public Schools will join millions of students across the United States in the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Test this spring.

For our schools, all students in grades 3-5 will participate in the testing in both mathematics and English language arts/literacy. Please note, students in grades 5 are required to take the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Science test. The Science CMT for all elementary schools will be administered on Tuesday, March 28th. The Science CMT is a 65 minute, timed assessment administered on a computer. For more information about the Smarter Balanced Assessments and testing schedule for Dwight, please visit <http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/dwt>.

The SBA tests are not timed however; it will take approximately 5 total hours to complete both content areas of English Language Arts and Math. Testing will be administered on a computer and scheduled over multiple sessions of about 60 minutes each. It is worth noting that the assessment is adaptive and therefore students may complete the assessment in shorter intervals.

To comply with federal and state statute, participation in the 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 for more information. You can also visit <http://.ct.portal.airast.org/students-and-families> to learn about the tests themselves. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-255-8312.

Sincerely,

Mimi Maniscalco
Principal