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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On April 25, 26, 27 and May 2 and 3, 2022, Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Schools will administer the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) to students in grades 3 through 6. In order to provide accommodations and support to our students during the administration of the PSSA, it is necessary to adjust the school day for students in grades **Kindergarten**, **first**, **and second**, **as well as students not participating in the PSSA testing** at both Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Schools.

Students **not** participating in the PSSA testing will have a <u>Delayed Start</u> on <u>April 25, 26, 27 and May 2 and 3, 2022</u>. Please be advised that the <u>Delayed Start</u> means our primary students will be permitted to enter the building at **noon** each delayed start day. Transportation to and from school will be provided to all students. School bus transportation will operate 3 ½ **hours later** than a student's normal bus pick-up time.

Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 who are participating in the PSSA testing should report to school at the regularly scheduled start time. The PSSA is a standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment which provides students, parents, educators and citizens with an understanding of student and school performance related to the attainment of standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology. These standards identify what a student should know and be able to do at varying grade levels. Individual student scores can be used to assist teachers in identifying students who may be in need of additional educational opportunities, and school scores provide information to schools and districts for curriculum and instruction improvement discussions and planning. It is very important for students to perform at their highest level, therefore, please encourage your child to come to school prepared to do well on the PSSA.

Specific PSSA information and reminders will be provided by each elementary school. Please contact your student's elementary school with any further questions regarding the change of schedule during the PSSA Testing. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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