LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOLS
OJ DEJONGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear O.J. Students and Families:

This spring, all students at O.J. DeJonge Middle School will participate in the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, also known as the M-STEP, while our eighth grade students will also participate in the PSAT 8/9 assessment. Sixth and seventh grade students will take the M-STEP in both English Language Arts (ELA) and math while eighth grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 for ELA and math and will take the M-STEP in both science and social studies. The M-STEP is a rigorous computer adaptive assessment that is meant to measure the academic proficiency and growth of our students and is much more than a test of basic skills. Students will take the M-STEP online, using their school-issued iPads. The PSAT 8/9 assessment is developed by the College Board that will help prepare students for the SAT suite of assessments that they will take as students at Ludington High School. The PSAT 8/9 is a paper and pencil assessment.

The schedule for the spring testing window is as follows:

- April 13 - 8th grade students will take the PSAT 8/9 assessment; this is a ½ day for all students in grades 6-12 in Ludington Area Schools.

- April 26 and 27 - 6th and 7th grade students will take the ELA M-STEP and 8th grade students will take the science M-STEP.

- May 3 and 4 - 6th and 7th grade students will take the math M-STEP and 8th grade students will take the social studies M-STEP.

- Makeup assessments will take place on May 5 and 6.

All students will participate in these assessments to start the school day on the dates mentioned above. We will follow an adapted daily schedule on testing days once the assessments are completed.

As a school community, we are preparing your child through rich academic experiences as well as practice with the M-STEP online tools. It is important that students are present in school on the days mentioned above, and that students get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast on the testing days.

With Oriole Pride,

Michael Hart
Principal