## **Test Information for Students Participating in State Assessment**

In June 2014, the Michigan Legislature required the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop a new test for spring 2015. The new assessment system called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP will include summative assessments designed to measure student growth effectively for today's students. English language arts and mathematics will be assessed in grades 3-8, science in grades 4 and 7 and social studies in grades 5 and 8. It also includes the Michigan Merit Examination in grade 11, which consists of a college entrance exam, work skills assessment and M-STEP summative assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Beginning spring 2016 the college entrance exam will be the SAT with Essay.