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An Open Letter to USD 458 Parents

Dear USD 458 Parent:

Nothing is as important to us at USD 458 as ensuring that your child receives a quality education. In doing so, one of the many measures we use to determine individual and group student achievement, as well as our effectiveness as a school district, includes the annual Kansas State Assessments.

This important time of year is quickly approaching, and we have created some materials to share with you, which we hope will explain the types, purpose, importance, and impact of these assessments.

To begin, here are a few examples of what we are doing to help your child perform at his or her best on the Kansas State Assessments:

- Implementation of Teaching strategies along with more rigorous courses.
- Standards Courses
- Motivational techniques in the classroom to help students realize importance of test

We know that you want to be informed and involved as much as possible. As such, we hope that you will find this information helpful. Additionally, we greatly appreciate your role and assistance in your child's learning and in how he or she prepares at home for these assessments. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or the USD 458 Central Office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Boyd
Assistant Superintendent