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Dear Families,

The Maine Through the Year Assessment includes required assessments in Mathematics and Reading. It provides scores as a measure of student growth throughout the year. Also at the end of the year, it provides performance scores based on the state standards. Students in grades 3-8 and second year of high school will participate in the Maine Through Year Assessment. The first required administration of the Maine Through Year Assessment is in the fall with a test window of October 2, 2023 - October 27, 2023. We will be testing on **October 10, 2023 - October 12, 2023 in grades 3, 4, and 5.**

Key Features of the Maine Through Year Assessment include:

- The assessment is computer adaptive.
- The assessment is designed to be untimed.
- The assessment provides the opportunity for teachers to access and use immediate, actionable data to plan instruction.
- A variety of student supports and accessibility features are available to students to ensure that the assessment experience is as consistent as possible with the student's daily instruction.

The Maine Department of Education (MDOE) has identified Granite Street School as a Tier III school which means we have experienced significant challenges. This identification is based upon two main factors: high percentage of chronic student absences and poor state testing results. This identification also adversely affects our district funding. Accurate testing data from all students will provide us with a clear understanding of what students have learned and need to learn. Please support your child(ren) by ensuring they have plenty of rest and attend school on the days of the assessments and try their best.

The administration window for state assessments, such as the Maine Through Year Assessment, may bring temporary changes to a student's schedule or routine. We ask any parent who wants their child to "opt out" of testing to call the school and make an appointment to meet with administration. **A phone call or written note will not be accepted.** Families are encouraged to reach out with questions and concerns, ensuring that there is understanding and collaboration around creating a positive assessment experience for every student. For more information about the Maine Through Year Assessment, please call me at 723-6425.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anna Merry

Granite Street School Principal