Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

Soon after Spring Break, Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior School staff will administer the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) statewide assessment for students in grades Three through Eight. Additional information regarding the PARCC assessment from the Illinois State Board of Education can be found by following these two web links:

https://parcc-assessment.org/parent-resources/

This is the fourth year the ISBE has mandated this assessment and we are very pleased overall with our students’ results from the last year two years. As an educator, I am very proud of the seriousness and efforts generated by our students and the significant support by their families that ensured each student put forth his/her best effort with these assessments.

Our students, your children, work very hard throughout the year and PARCC is an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned and be recognized for their efforts. While testing students regarding curricular objectives is not a perfect science, the results from PARCC, coupled with District and classroom assessments, provide our staff with valuable information to continually improve the educational programming and learning process for as individual learners and districtwide.

Please give your child(ren) the same advantages that many other parents and guardians around the state are providing their children. During these PARCC testing windows, ensure your child(ren) get(s) a proper night’s rest prior to each testing day and eat healthfully and consistently; especially breakfast. If possible, limit extra activities outside of school during this assessment time and most importantly, continue to provide positive support to your child(ren) with encouragement to do one’s best.
On a different note, as the weather hopefully begins to warm and we move deeper into the Spring, the fourth and final quarter of the 2017/18 school year will be upon us. No matter if your child(ren) is/are in Prekindergarten or in Eighth Grade, this quarter, like the three previous quarters, is a vitally important part of the school year.

Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to put forth their best effort each and every school day. Help us, help your child(ren) be fully aware of the significance of each and every day of school in his or her educational journey.

Finally, if your family celebrates Passover or Easter, I wish you a very enjoyable and blessed holiday.

Sincerely,

Kerry J. Foderaro
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Thank you for your understanding, patience and support with our emergency closing process to ensure the safety of all in our school community

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