



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of BCCS Online Students,

I am truly sorry for the delay in launching the Edgenuity program for the BCCS students who selected the online option. This has been most challenging and, quite frankly, frustrating as the programmers do not have the final steps in place for us to assign and launch student classes. We are all set on our end, yet do not want to release devices until we have tested the program. We do not want to recall devices from students/families if we find there is a glitch in accessing the portal.

We do know all BCCS students are in the program and have assigned mentors, we have all the K-5 workbooks in hand. I have a meeting scheduled this evening and will have an update at that time. I expect to have some definitive news tonight and will share tomorrow.

As difficult as it may be, I continue to ask for your patience and understanding. Please know, we are doing everything in our power to get this program up and running.

Additionally, I want to let you know that the state of Michigan is requiring students to participate in state required assessments. This includes the fall and spring PSAT and SAT assessments for students in grades 9-12 and the building fall and spring assessments for grades k-8.

The PSAT and SAT tests will need to be given at school on a specified date under specific conditions. Parents will be asked to bring students in to test on these dates:

Dates:

- PSAT/NMSQT Grades 9 and 10: Friday October 29
- SAT with Essay Grades 11 and 12, Wednesday, October 27

We have been looking at test dates and time options for the K-8 NWEA (MAP) assessments. In particular the K-2 assessments are required in the first 30 days of school. Once again we will have to schedule dates and times for students to come into school and take the assessments.

Please know, unless there is a change in the testing policies by the Michigan Department of Education, these assessments are required of all students in all public schools. Further information will be forthcoming.

Needless to say there is a lot going on and it can be quite confusing. I will keep you informed regarding the online program and required assessments, as appropriate. Please do not hesitate to send any questions my way or through [office@byroncentercharter.org](mailto:office@byroncentercharter.org).

With Care,

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