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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Due to our school displacement and the interruption to the learning environment we have experienced, the South Dakota Department of Education as well as the Miller School Board have exempted us from the following state and federally mandated assessment for the 2021-22 school year:

- Smarter Balanced Smarter Balanced Assessment in English language arts (Grades 3-8 & 11)
- Smarter Balanced Smarter Balanced Assessment Mathematics (Grades 3-8 & 11)
- South Dakota Science Assessment (Grades 5, 8 & 11)
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (Miller Junior High – Grade 8)

Since the Millerdale Colony's physical educational environment was not affected, they will still be required to complete these assessments as planned.

The Smarter Balanced assessments measure student achievement in relation to our state standards in the areas of English language arts and mathematics, and the South Dakota Science Assessment in science.

We will continue to monitor progress in the usual ways such as AIMSWeb testing, Semester Testing, eligibility lists and other types of screening at various grade levels.

This exemption will allow us to focus on teaching the state standards mentioned. Please note that this will affect the data in the South Dakota Report card, published in September each year, which outlines our overall schools' performance in comparison to other South Dakota students as a whole for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Courtney Van Zee
District Testing Coordinator