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Dear Middle School Parents;

As you may know, the Washington Assessment for Student Learning (WASL) has been replaced by the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) in grades 3-8. By 2012, all of these tests will be available online. For the current year, 20% of all students in grades 6-8 will test online. Mountain View Middle School will use the online test for 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading only. The other two tests will be paper and pencil tests. The decision to phase in the online test was made at the state level to ensure success with this new version of the test.

Students will practice test items at school before taking the test. Students can practice from home by accessing [www.WATesting.com/online](http://www.WATesting.com/online).

Dates to note on your calendars:

**May 12-28**

- **Paper and Pencil tests**

**May 3-June 4**

- **Mountain View Middle School** 8<sup>th</sup> graders will test online in reading only.

There is information available on the EVSD website on each school's homepage. If you have questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely;

Jim McAdam  
Principal