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Dear Hauser Parents:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings (March 2, 3, 4, and 5) the *Illinois Standards Achievement Test* (ISAT) will be administered to Hauser students. This state-required battery includes reading and mathematics for all grades. Sixth and eighth grade students will receive additional testing in writing. Seventh grades students will receive additional testing in science. The results of these state tests will be reported to you on the Illinois School Report Card in the fall.

A revised daily schedule will be in place at Hauser for all four testing dates. Testing will take place each day from 8:45 – 11:00 a.m. We are appreciative that the PTA will once again provide a mid-morning snack of juice boxes for each child on each day of testing. Lunch schedules will be unchanged on all testing days. Make-up tests will be given during the week following regular testing.

Parents can support student success during testing in the following ways:

- Encourage attendance and prompt arrival at school each day of testing.
- Enforce an appropriate bedtime to ensure a full night's sleep.
- Provide a healthy breakfast on the mornings of testing.
- Remind your child to ask the teacher questions during test administration if he/she does not understand the directions.
- Provide encouragement by communicating confidence in your child's ability.

Calculator use is permitted for the mathematics tests. Hauser's math teachers recommend a TI 30 (or equivalent) scientific calculator with a fraction key. Please note: The school will not provide calculators. Please be sure that your child comes to school prepared with an appropriate calculator each day of testing. Soft lead pencils (#2) are also required.

The Illinois State Board of Education offers interactive sample tests and questions at:

<http://metacat2.com/iltestlinks.html>
www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/sample_books.htm

The State of Illinois requires participation by all eligible students. Participation rate is part of the state's evaluation of our school and district. Please help us meet the state's expectation by supporting your child's attendance and prompt arrival for all testing days.

Sincerely yours,

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