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RE: SOLs/Expedited Retakes and FCPS Electronic Device Policy

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The SOLs will be administered at Sangster from May 17, 2016 – June 7, 2016. A testing schedule is posted on Sangster’s website and a copy was sent home last month.

The Virginia Department of Education allows students who did not previously pass certain Standards of Learning (SOL) tests to participate in optional re-test windows during the school year. Expedited retakes are offered to students in grades 3 through 6 who fail any SOL test by a narrow margin. For each SOL test, students with a scaled score in the 375-399 range are allowed one opportunity to retest during the same testing window. Expedited retakes will be administered during the week of June 13 2016.

Parental permission must be obtained in order to retest an eligible student. Should your child qualify for an expedited retake you will be contacted via phone to obtain permission. Expedited retakes are not required but should your child participate, the higher of their two scores will be taken.

All students needing a two day SOL retake will receive the expedited retake over a two day period as well.

In addition, in recent years, electronic devices have grown increasingly sophisticated and have proliferated among students. Many students now own cell phones or other electronic devices with camera features, text messaging functions, voice-activated recording capabilities, or Internet access. Testing examiners will instruct students to shut off their cell phones (or other electronic devices) and store them in their backpacks prior to testing.
FCPS Electronic Device Policy

Cell phones and other electronic devices: While in the testing room, students may not access cell phones or other electronic devices while any students are testing. Students who refuse to remove their cell phones or other electronic devices from their work area (such as from pockets, desk tops, purses and backpacks stored within reach, etc.), will not be permitted to test until the device is secured (as local policy permits). Review the school division policy regarding cell phones and other electronic devices with the students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you.

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