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To Whom It May Concern:

In several weeks, your student will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSAs) at Mount Union Area Junior High School. These exams are extremely important, and both the staff and your student have been working very hard to prepare. Our classroom teachers have provided your child with effective reading, mathematics, and science strategies to perform at a “proficient” or “advanced” level on this state assessment.

I have attached several documents to this cover letter outlining important information about the exams and the protocols for taking them. Please review all these documents with your student so that you both are aware of protocols.

In addition, I have listed a schedule of the exams below. Testing will begin immediately following homeroom and end at approximately noon each of the testing days. Please note that if students are absent on the day of one of the exams, they will be required to make them up. It’s helpful if you avoid scheduling medical appointments, early dismissals, or late arrivals during testing times.

**Exam Schedule**

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> = English – Language Arts
- April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> = Math
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> = Science (8<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- Make-up Days – April 25<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>

Please encourage your student to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast on exam day and be sure to encourage them to do their very best on the exams.

Thank you for supporting your student’s education. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office.

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