

# BLAINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Kathy Newport  
Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because your elementary or middle-school child is registered to take this spring's Measurements of Student Progress (MSP), which is the replacement test for the WASL. The MSP testing window this year for grades 3-8 is May 12-28 for the paper-and-pencil version. Our school is testing on **May 12-20**.

The MSP is a shorter exam that is now primarily multiple choice in math, reading and science. It will take one session to take each exam instead of two. The writing exam, administered in grades 4 and 7, will not change at this time. Science is administered in grades 5 and 8.

During state testing, most elementary and middle school students will take the MSP. Families should encourage their children to participate and do their best on the state test this year. It is important to measure students' progress and proficiency.

In high school, students will take the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE). Although the test has changed, the graduation requirements that are linked to state testing remain the same.

Please call me at **360-332-5213** or e-mail [knewport@blainesd.org](mailto:knewport@blainesd.org) if you have questions or concerns.

For more information on state testing, please visit [www.WAtesting.com](http://www.WAtesting.com). You can also view a demo and tutorial on the state's new online testing system at [www.WAtesting.com/online](http://www.WAtesting.com/online).

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Newport*

Kathy Newport, Principal