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Dear SOCS D Families,

I am excited to share that our district will be using a Mathematics and Reading program called *i-Ready* in grades K – 7.

What is *i-Ready*?

i-Ready is an online program that will help us determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

The ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** (which will begin August 1 – September 2) is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions based on student responses. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning.

i-Ready Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual strengths and areas for growth. These lessons are interactive and provide strategic supports to keep your child engaged as they learn. This is one component to your child's Mathematics and/or Reading curriculum.

What can I do to help?

To help prepare your child for the ***i-Ready Diagnostic***, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions they do not know—remind them that it is expected they will get only about half of the questions correct.
- Use paper and pencil to show work for math questions.

To support your child's learning with **online lessons**, you can:

- Discuss your child's progress on their *i-Ready* lessons.
- Celebrate your child's learning and growth.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning! We look forward to sharing *i-Ready* information with you throughout the year. If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting <https://i-readycentral.com/FamilyCenter/>

Sincerely,

Tony McGee, Ed.D.
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