January 25, 2017

Dear Parent:

The 2017 English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) will be administered February 14th thru March 24th. ELPA21 measures your child’s proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, listening to and understanding English. This assessment is a computer based test that is designated to be engaging and interactive. It includes innovative questions that reflect classroom and real-world scenarios. As a Parent, you can help your child prepare for this test by:

• Teaching your child that doing his/her best is always important. Information from this test is used to improve your child’s learning and prepare for his/her future.
• Helping your child by promoting good nutritional habits, a balance of rest and relaxation and a positive attitude.
• Supporting your child by staying involved and encouraging good study habits.

Thank you for your help in this effort. We look forward to your continued support as we prepare West Virginia students to be successful.

Sincerely,

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