i-Ready Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction

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Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

Recently, our district has begun implementing an exciting new educational software tool called i-Ready. One component of i-Ready is the assessment component. It is designed as a diagnostic assessment aligned to state standards and is one of many measures to assist your child's teacher in determining your child's needs, personalizing their learning, and monitoring progress throughout the school year, specifically in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. i-Ready will be administered 2-3 times over the course of the 2020-2021 school year. This replaces the MAP assessment this school year. The District is awaiting confirmation that the state will be administering the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for grades three through six in the spring, and will update families as soon as we know.

i-Ready has three primary components:

- 1. i-Ready Assessment: Provides comprehensive insight into student learning across K–12 skills and pinpoints students' strengths and areas of need.
- 2. i-Ready Learning: Engages students through motivating, personalized reading and mathematics instruction based on their individual skill level.
- 3. Teacher-Led Instruction: i-Ready provides your child's teacher with data to understand student performance and needs, and provides your child's teacher with resources for whole class and small group instruction to accelerate student growth and grade-level learning.

First, Solana Beach Students will complete their i-Ready Diagnostic. The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. Please note: The purpose of the Diagnostic is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your child's learning.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so they can learn at a pace that is just right for them. In knowing this is only one measurement tool, lesson pathways can be adjusted if needed. These lessons are designed to be fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn. Please note i-Ready Personalized Instruction is only one of many resources to support targeted skill development for your child. Your child's teacher may assign online lessons to students for a designated period of time each day, but this tool does not replace the instruction of the classroom teacher.

If you have additional questions or need support, we have curated i-Ready family support resources on our district website here: <u>https://www.sbsd.k12.ca.us/Page/9996</u> or you may contact your child's teacher.