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Dear Centennial Parents,

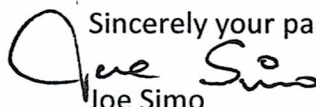
Thank you for an amazing school year! In my thirteen years as a school administrator, I haven't seen a better group of students. I really appreciate the hard work, eagerness to learn, and the positive treatment of their fellow classmates. Another point of excitement for me is that Centennial is on our second year of offering What I Need (WIN) classes to our students. WIN has been an amazing addition to our schedule. It is allowing our teachers to help fill learning gaps, revisit missing concepts, and offer enrichment activities to your child's learning. Centennial's goal is to provide your child with quality instruction that enriches their lives and prepares them for future opportunities.

Which brings me to why I am writing you today.

State assessments have been a hot topic in the past, and many parents question whether their student should even participate. As professionals deeply invested in your student's success, we believe participation enhances the learning experience at our school significantly. Centennial continues to grow academically and to achieve state recognition for their results largely because our teachers diligently analyze this test's data to evaluate their instruction. We use the assessment data to differentiate individual instruction as well as to provide WIN and MTSS; classes that address the learning needs of every one of our students. Part of our School of Innovation plan is to continue improvement in the areas of Rigorous Curriculum, Quality Instruction, and Social-Emotional Learning. The results from the annual state assessments are used to reflect on the first two areas. Centennial's outstanding results over the past years are a reflection of our analysis of that data and the practices we put into place as a result.

In order to have an accurate measurement of our instruction at Centennial it is vital that all students participate in testing to demonstrate what they have learned. Centennial is striving hard to provide the best education possible for your child; we are very proactive in improving your child's learning experience and we need your help. This month, please explain the importance of the State Assessment to your child and have them take part on the week of April 8th. During this week, please try to avoid scheduling appointments in the morning. All middle schools will be on an early release schedule starting at 12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Together we can continue to improve education for all students at Centennial Middle School.

Sincerely your partner in education,



Joe Simo