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Dear McCombs Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming IA (Iowa Assessment), and the IA Incentive Program that will be implemented at McCombs Middle School. The IA (formerly known as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills) is the state mandated test that assesses students’ academic achievement in Reading, Mathematics and Science. These tests help teachers make recommendations about students’ course placements. The results are also used to help teachers and administrators make decisions regarding curriculum and instruction. Suffice it to say, it is important that students put their best efforts forward when taking the IA.

To both reward and motivate students, McCombs is implementing an Iowa Assessment Incentive Program. This program was designed with the help of the McCombs Student Council. The program will be funded with parent donations and proceeds from the PCA (Parent Communication Association) fundraiser. Details about the Iowa Assessment Incentive Program can be found on the website.

The testing sessions for McCombs students will be the mornings of **April 2, 4 & 9**. Students should get a good night’s sleep and eat breakfast in preparation for the testing sessions. Please make sure your child is on time and comes prepared to take these important assessments.

If you have questions regarding the Iowa Assessment or the McCombs IA Incentive Program, do not hesitate to call me.

Very Respectfully,



Nancy M. Croy

Principal