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Dear Parents/Guardians:

All school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are required to participate in the annual Pennsylvania Keystone Exams. The Keystone Exams are end-of course assessments designed to evaluate proficiency in academic content in the areas of Algebra, Biology and Literature (English 10). The Pennsylvania Department of Education sets the testing windows for all schools.

Leechburg Area School District intends to administer the Keystone Exams this year as follows:

Biology Testing Dates: Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Algebra Testing Dates: Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Literature Testing Dates: Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

One assessment will be given each day in the morning. The assessments last an average of 80-90 minutes, depending on the assessment. Students know which of the three assessments they are scheduled to take and some students will be taking more than one assessment this spring. If parents have questions about which assessment your child is taking, please feel free to call the guidance office at any time.

It is important for students to be well rested, arrive at school on time, and put forth their best effort on testing days. The assessments provide information to our school and to parents about student achievement on grade level materials. Keystone exam results are usually returned to the school district over the summer or early fall. Your child's individual scores will be sent home to you at that time.

Attached is information created by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to address to some common questions and concerns as well as information regarding electronic devices. If you have any questions after reviewing the information, please feel free to contact your child's building principal or me for more information.

We appreciate your ongoing supports of our school district and our efforts to provide your child with a quality educational experience.

Sincerely,

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