



Thank you to Danville High School for sharing the letter which we have adapted here. We hope it is useful to others. Let us know if you would like to receive a Word version of this document; contact bleahey@kasc.net.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The recent changes in assessment in the state of Kentucky have generated much discussion about the overall direction of education. Some have even implied that teachers will be relaxing or taking a breather in the next few years since Kentucky will be in a transition phase in accountability and assessment. This will not be the case at SCHOOL NAME. We are committed to the education your children deserve.

The faculty and staff at SCHOOL NAME are held accountable in the classroom on a daily basis. In this transition period when the state is reassessing its testing practices and accountability standards, we will continue our course. We will still be administering spring testing in order to meet national guidelines for *No Child Left Behind* as well as to collect data for our own use at the school level. Our seniors will complete writing portfolios and we will continue to offer a variety of arts & humanities classes that enrich our curriculum and the lives of our students.

Good educators know their job has a moral element that requires them to act in the best interest of every student. This will not change at SCHOOL NAME no matter what test is used for accountability. Our teachers and staff will not reduce their efforts one bit. As a matter of fact, we will continue to examine and adapt the best educational practices to move students forward. Your children deserve no less!

Sincerely,

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