February 26, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of a Civic Literacy Exam Pilot assessment your child will take next month in response to the following:

- Florida Statute 1007.25 requires students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university to demonstrate competency in civic literacy.
- On January 31, 2019, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32 that outlined a path for Florida to improve its education system, which included opportunities to equip high school graduates with sufficient knowledge of America’s civics.
- On January 31, 2020, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) issued guidance regarding the Civic Literacy Exam Pilot for Spring 2020.
- A State Board of Education rule will be developed proposing that colleges be required to accept passing scores earned by high school students to meet the college-level civic literacy requirement. The proposed rule will retroactively include students participating in the pilot exam in March 2020.

FLDOE recommends grade 12 Social Studies students take the assessment, given it can only help the student, especially if the student plans to enroll in post-secondary education. Here is information about the assessment:

- The assessment is the same exam used at the college level. It is a 100-question, multiple-choice exam that is Pass/Fail (60% correct to pass).
- There is no impact to the student’s graduation status if the student does not pass the assessment.
- The test window is March 23 through April 3, 2020. School sites will provide results to parents within 30 days of completing the assessment.
- Each school will determine the appropriate date and time for the assessment. Please direct questions to school administrators as to the specific date of the assessment.
- The assessment is based upon U.S. Government course standards. Your student’s Social Studies teacher knows the assessed standards and the corresponding number of questions per standard.

If you have questions as to the assessment’s policy, contact Dr. Mark C. Malham, Coordinator of Social Studies and Special Projects, (772) 223-3105 #158, or malhamm@martinschools.org.

Sincerely,

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