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Executive Director, Office of Student Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This spring, Kirkwood High School students will take part in the End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment Program. Students enrolled in Algebra I, Biology and English II (Sophomore Literature & Composition) will be required to take an EOC Assessment by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The EOC Assessment was created to adapt testing to the needs of Missouri districts, schools, teachers, and students while meeting state and federal requirements.

The Missouri State Board of Education identified the following purposes for the Missouri EOC Assessment:

- Measuring and reflecting student mastery toward post-secondary readiness
- Identifying students' strengths and weaknesses
- Communicating expectations for all students
- Serving as the basis of state and national accountability plans
- Evaluating programs.

The EOC Assessments consist of two sessions designed to be administered in approximately two 55-minute class periods. Students enrolled in Sophomore Literature and Composition will take the EOC online in class during the week of May 4 – 8, 2009. Algebra I and Biology will both be assessed in class during the week of May 11 – 15, 2009. Algebra students will take a paper/pencil test and Biology students will take the online assessment. All EOC assessments will be reflected in the final grade for that class.

It is important that students are well rested and prepared for testing during their EOC Assessment week. Please feel free to contact my office at 314-213-6105 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirleas G. Washington".

Executive Director Student Services