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Dear Parent or Guardian:

All students in grades 8 and 10 in Henrico County Public Schools will take the **Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Writing Test** in March 2018. There are two writing test components: Multiple-Choice and Direct Writing. Online testing will take place during the March 12-30, 2018 test administration window established by the Virginia Department of Education. Your child's school has selected testing dates within this window, which are indicated below:

Online Multiple Choice Date: **March 20th, 2018**

Online Direct Writing Prompt Date: **March 21st, 2018**

Paper and pencil tests (for the limited number of students qualifying for this option) will be administered the week of March 12-19, 2018. The multiple choice component will be administered on either March 12 or 13, 2018 and the paper/pencil direct writing component will be administered on Thursday, March 15, 2018. March 16 and 19, 2018 are scheduled make-up dates. Additional content-area SOL Tests will be administered in May and June (based on your student's grade level).

Students should avoid bringing personal electronic devices into an SOL testing room during an SOL test administration. Procedures related to these circumstances are described in detail in the Henrico County Public Schools Policies and Regulations (Regulation R6-08-004), which can be found at <http://webapps.henrico.k12.va.us/policy/search.asp?search=cell+phone>. We encourage all families and students to review these procedures prior to SOL testing.

We will be using the new Test Nav 8 application as the platform for the test, more practice with this application can be found by clicking "Practice Items" after opening this link: <https://va8.testnav.com/client/index.html>.

Scores on these tests will help you and your child's school evaluate academic achievement. It is important that you help your child feel comfortable and positive about taking the **Standards of Learning Writing Test**. In preparation for testing, proper rest and nutrition are essential. Please encourage your child to get a good night's rest before his/her testing days and to eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of each part of the test. Since the testing will all be online it is essential that *fully charged* computers be brought to school every day.

If you have any questions about this test, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, school test coordinator, or principal at (804) 756-3000

Sincerely,

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