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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share that Barack Obama School of Leadership & STEM has implemented a **Mathematics and Reading** program called *i-Ready*. Below is information about the program and how we will use it in the classroom.

What is *i-Ready*?

i-Ready is an online program that will help us determine your child's strengths and areas for growth, personalize their learning, and monitor their progress throughout the school year. *i-Ready* allows us to meet your child where they are and provides us with data to inform instruction.

The ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** adaptive assessment adjusts questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student receives is based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier ones. The purpose of this is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to support their learning best.

What can I do to help?

To help prepare your child for the ***i-Ready Diagnostic***, encourage them to:

- Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast the day of the assessment.
- Try their best on each question and try not to rush.
- Try not to worry about questions to which they do not know the answers—remind them that they are expected to only get about half of the questions correct.
- Be respectful of other students who take longer to finish.
- **“Use paper and pencil to show work for math questions”**

What happens next?

The ***i-Ready Diagnostic*** will provide results that help me identify your child's strengths and determine the next steps for instruction. I look forward to sharing these results with you throughout the year and providing a learning experience to engage your child while teaching important skills and concepts.

If you have any questions about *i-Ready*, please do not hesitate to contact the school or me. You can also learn more about *i-Ready* by visiting [i-ReadyCentral.com/Family Center](http://i-ReadyCentral.com/FamilyCenter).

As always, thank you for your continued support and being a partner in your child's learning! It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colbert, Ms. Gladstone, & Mrs. Nolen, Principals

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