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Crane Schools Parents & Constituents:

Under the *Student Assessment Bill of Rights*, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Oregon's school districts must provide families with a "Notice of Statewide Tests and Opt-out Form" 30 days before the start of statewide testing.

This year, school has been significantly disrupted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other factors. In response, ODE plans to ask the United States Department of Education for a temporary pause (also known as a "waiver") in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math testing. A pause is also being requested for science testing, but science testing is not subject to this opt-out rule.

- If this waiver request is **approved**, then statewide ELA and Math testing will not happen this year, and there will be no need for parents to submit opt-out forms to their child's school.
- If the waiver request is **not approved**, test windows will open on March 4, 2021.

ODE will update your district regularly with news about the waiver.

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