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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In 2012, the California Department of Education (CDE) discovered images of statewide assessments on social networking sites. Due to these breaches of test security, new test security regulations have been established this year. We are required to implement a ban on the use of unauthorized electronic devices during all statewide testing sessions. In order to comply with the new regulation, all students will be required to turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, tablets, etc.) and remove the devices from their pockets during STAR testing.

Students will not be allowed access to their electronic devices until the testing session is completed and the test examiner has collected all testing materials. Your assistance in reinforcing this new regulation with your children will be appreciated. If possible, please have your child leave his/her cell phone at home during the testing sessions. In the event of an emergency during the testing sessions, please call the school office and your child will be contacted.

The California Standards Tests will be administered to 2nd-11th grade students during the District designated testing period that falls between Wednesday, April 10 and Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Specific dates and times within this testing period for each school site will be posted in the school’s newsletter or on the school’s website.

If you have any questions about the ban on electronic devices during testing, please contact your child’s principal or Kimberly Forrest, VUSD Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment at 707-453-6142.