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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Students in grades 7-8 in our school will be taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) Tests from **May 7, 2018 to June 8, 2018**. It is important that your child attend school on these days. If possible, please avoid scheduling trips or appointments that would take your child out of school during this time period. It is also important that your child have a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast before testing. The Virginia Department of Education requires students in grades 3-8 across the state to take the SOL tests. SOL tests measure the extent to which students have learned the content and skills detailed in the Virginia Standards of Learning. Content areas that will be tested are shown for each grade level below.

Grade Level	Content Areas to be Tested
7	Reading and Mathematics
8	Reading, Mathematics, Civics and Economics, and Science

Closer to the testing dates noted above, your child's teacher will share additional information about the exact day(s) scheduled for each test to be given to your child. If you become aware of an unavoidable conflict that could result in your child missing a testing day, please notify your child's school as soon as possible. The purpose of SOL testing is to provide information about student achievement to the parent, school, school division, and state. In most cases, test scores are available for parents at the end of the school year. More information about how and when parents will receive their children's scores will be shared closer to these dates.

**The Virginia Board of Education allows certain elementary and middle school students who fail Standards of Learning (SOL) tests on their first attempt to retake the test before the end of the school year.** Retesting is available before the end of the school year when a student failed his or her first test attempt by a narrow margin (score of 375-399, with a score of 400 needed to pass). If you believe that your child would benefit from receiving a second opportunity before the end of the school year to demonstrate his or her knowledge and skills on the SOL test, please complete this permission form and return it to your child's school. A decision **not** to retest will not in any way impact your child's course grade or academic record.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, provide my child with the opportunity to retake SOL tests if his/her score is between 375 and 399.
- NO, do not retest my child if his/her score is between 375 and 399. I understand that this decision will not in any way impact my child's grade or academic record.

Sincerely,

Eric McCann  
Principal  
Frost Middle School