

**February 2010**

**Dear Parent or Guardian:**

**The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) is an important measurement of student performance in District 161 and the academic program. With the passage of the *No Child Left Behind Act*, ISAT has gained even greater importance since it is used to gauge if schools in Illinois comply with the federal legislation.**

**The ISAT will be administered to students between March 2 and March 12, 2010. Third through eighth grade students will be tested in reading and mathematics; fourth and seventh grade students will also be tested in science. This year third, fifth, sixth and eighth grade students will be tested in writing. The District will receive the ISAT scores in the fall. Results will be provided to students and parents at that time. Information on the test will be shared with the community through the District 161 School Report Card.**

**You can help your child do his or her best by:**

- having your child attend school on the days of testing;**
- assuring your child has a good night's sleep before testing;**
- assuring your child eats breakfast on mornings of testing;**
- reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand test directions;**
- letting your child know that you are confident in his/her ability to do his/her best;**
- advising your child not to worry about the test – just do the best he/she can.**

**If you want additional information or have further questions about ISAT testing, please contact your child's teacher(s).**

**Flossmoor School District 161**