Greetings from Sunset High School!

This letter is to inform you about the five STAAR Exams your son/daughter must pass to graduate from high school and how you can see their progress on these tests.

Students are typically first scheduled for three of the five STAAR exams in their 9th grade year. Specifically, these three STAAR exams are:

1) Biology  
2) English 1  
3) Algebra 1

Students are typically first scheduled for the fourth STAAR exam in their 10th grade year. Specifically, that test is:

4) English 2

Students are typically first scheduled for the fifth STAAR exam in their 11th grade year. Specifically, that test is:

5) United States History

Scores for each of these tests will be reported as one of the following:

- Masters  
- Meets  
- Approaches  
- Not Met

Once a student earns any one of the first three (Masters, Meets, or Approaches) they have passed that exam and will not need to take it again.

If a student’s test result is “Not Met” or if the student was absent, they will be required to retake/makeup the exam the next time it is administered. All Texas public schools administer the STAAR Tests three times a year: December, April/May, and June. Students will be scheduled to retake/makeup the exam each administration thereafter until a score of Masters, Meets, or Approaches is earned.

We urge you to review where your son/daughter is in this process and contact Dan Martin – Sunset’s Testing Coordinator – at 972-979-9036 or danmartin@dallasisd.org – should you have any questions or concerns.

Here is how you can review where your son/daughter is in this process:
1. Login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to view scores.
2. Parents can click on the Texas State Portal link to access the scores for their students. Parents will be able to access their students' results for the Texas Assessment Program directly, bypassing the state Texas Family Portal login screen.