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Dear Parent/guardian of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in English 1 and 2 courses:

In March 2022, legislation was signed that eliminated the Florida Standards Assessment and replaced it with a progress monitoring tool to measure students' growth in language arts and math. This state-mandated progress monitoring tool, known as the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking or FAST, is aligned to the B.E.S.T standards.

The FAST is administered on the computer and is adaptive in nature. This means that the test will adjust up or down depending on how your child responds. If your child answers an item correctly, the test will adjust and introduce a more challenging question. If your child answers incorrectly, the test will adjust and present your child with a less challenging question. Because the test is adaptive, no two students are taking the exact same test. For more information on the FAST, go to <https://flfast.org/fast.html>.

9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking their PM 1 test in English Language Arts on September 20, 2022. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking their PM 1 test in English Language Arts on September 21, 2022.

After your child has tested, you will be notified of your child's results. Once the electronic results are received from the state, you will be able to access them through the state's Family Portal. You can access the state's Family Portal by logging into your Pasco parent account, clicking on Check Grades/Attendance, and then clicking on the Florida Statewide Assessments icon.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,  
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