

## **Southern Local Elementary School**

On Friday, March 27, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 197 into law. House Bill 197 addresses the COVID-19 public health crisis. This bill contains education legislation that directly impacts the students of Southern Local Elementary School in grades three through six.

The bill states that all public schools are exempt from administering the state achievement assessments and the alternative assessments for the 2019-2020 school year.

Even though state testing has been suspended for the 2019-2020 school year there are still a number of practice test activities that students can use to strengthen their English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics and Science knowledge and test taking skills. These activities not only prepare our students for future state tests but also prepare our students for success in the classroom each and every day. The practice test activities are excellent tools that are used to measure students' current knowledge in the subjects identified above.

The practice test activities may be found by logging into Ohio's State Tests and then navigating to the Students and Families Practice Site. Once students arrive at the Students and Families Practice Site they can select practice test questions that are set up by grade level and subject area. There are a number of practice test options that students can select for each subject area. In future school years all students in grades three through six will complete the ELA test and the Math test. Fifth grade students will also complete the Science test. These are excellent tools that will prepare our students for success on the state tests and in the classroom.

What is really nice about this site is that parents can see what their child is expected to know when testing in their current grade level along with what they will be expected to know at future grade levels.

To reach the Students and Families Practice Site follow the steps listed below:

1. Open your browser and type in Ohio's State Tests.
2. Under Ohio's State Tests-Ohio Assessment Systems Open the Students and Families Link.
3. Open the Student Practice Site Link
4. On the Practice Test Sign in Page the Guest User and the Guest Session buttons need to be turned On.
5. At the bottom of the page click the Sign In button.
6. Select your grade level.
7. Select the test that you want.
8. Review your settings and click the Select button.
9. Review your Audio / Video Checks. Click the Continue button. Click the I Heard the Voice button. Click the Continue button.
10. Click on the Begin Test Now button to start the practice test.

If you have any questions please contact me by e-mail; you can access my e-mail by clicking on Email Mr. Rudloff which is located below my name and telephone number on the Elementary Guidance Page.