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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Washington County Career Center is off to a great start due to the outstanding efforts of our students and staff. We have been busy preparing for the *Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)*, which will be administered to your student October 27-31. WCCC is committed to ensuring that all of our students pass this state mandated test.

Our school's *OGT* courses, our *OGT* focused interventions and our academic classes are all aligned to Ohio's core content standards and will contribute to your student's success. Our teachers have a vast amount of resources available to them to help your child prepare for the *OGT* including practice tests and *Buckle Down*, a wonderful series of test-preparation workbooks.

In addition to these materials, the Career Center is pleased to offer you a valuable resource called **Study Island**. This is an online program that can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. Your student has been given a username and password and may access **Study Island** at school and at home. Enclosed please find more detailed information about **Study Island** how you can use **Study Island** from home.

Furthermore, one of the best resources available to parents and students is Ohio's Statewide Testing Web site. It can be accessed at <http://ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info>. At this site, your student may take practice tests, see why answer options are correct or incorrect, view actual test questions from previous tests, and be directed to many other valuable resources. Additionally, online workbooks which your student can use to prepare for the *OGT* can be accessed from this website.

Lastly, please remember general test-taking tips. Encourage your student to get plenty of rest the week of *OGT* testing and to eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. Encourage your student to be confident in their ability and to give their best effort.

Career Center staff will be available to talk to you in detail concerning *OGT* preparations during our Parent Teacher conferences September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. If this time is not convenient for you and you would like to schedule an appointment, please call myself at 373-2766 extension 387, or Dennis Blatt, WCCC Director, at extension 314. We look forward to working with you to ensure that all students succeed.

Sincerely,

Teri King  
Test Coordinator

Enclosure