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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You have received your child's individual student report for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Attached is information and resources about the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) State assessments. These annual exams offer an informative snapshot of a student's achievement and progress. The goal is to ensure every student graduate ready for college, a career, and a successful life. Students in grades 3-8 and high school took the PARCC tests for the first time last spring.

The attached flyer, *Understanding the NEW PARCC Home Score Report for English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics Tests*, provides answers to some basic questions, including:

- ✓ What information you will find on the PARCC Individual Student Report
- ✓ Where you'll find more information about the PARCC score report
- ✓ How the results will be used

As you review your child's report, please keep in mind:

Your child's PARCC scores cannot be compared with any other tests

It's not only a *new* test, but also a *different* test. It is not possible to score "lower" or "higher" on PARCC relative to any other test your child has taken in the past. This is a fresh start. Our students are setting a new baseline for growth. These new state assessments will allow you to see your child's academic growth from one grade to the next, and progress toward college-and career-readiness for the first time.

PARCC results are not just a set of "numbers," but a roadmap to opportunity

Your child's results provide a useful snapshot to:

- ✓ Identify specific skills where there's a room for growth,
- ✓ Spot strengths your child can build on, and
- ✓ Help a teacher tailor instruction to your child's needs.

Please remember that each state assessment provides just one measure of your child's performance. It is not the *only* indicator of student progress. I strongly encourage you to start a conversation about your child's academic progress by speaking with a teacher, attending a PTA meeting, and browsing the resources created for parents about the curricular standards and PARCC assessments.

Please contact the Testing Office at 301-702-3860, if you require additional information.

Attachment

Sincerely,

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