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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached are your child's results from the new state test in English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and/or Mathematics, known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test, that your child participated in last spring. These online tests were designed to replace the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) and the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) and measure his or her progress with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These new tests moved away from fill-in-the-bubble tests and asked questions that require students to explain their answers. Evaluating the results from PARCC testing can be helpful in measuring your child's success in school. The results from PARCC, along with your child's overall educational learning experience - including performance in the classroom - provide an overall picture of his or her academic success and progress toward graduating high school ready to succeed at college-level work.

The results of the second-year administration of PARCC are encouraging. These tests measure more complex, real-world skills such as critical thinking, writing, and problem solving. This year's scores are being returned much sooner to schools and parents. The faster turnaround gives us a greater opportunity to use the results to tailor classroom instruction to support individual students.

I hope you will find that the attached report provides you with more detailed information about your child's learning. The Individual Student Reports have been improved based on feedback from parents and educators. Each subject is broken down into categories of skills and content to identify where a student is doing well and where he or she needs some additional help. We encourage you to talk to your child's teacher for additional information on how your child is performing in class, as well as discuss how he or she can be further supported in school. For more information about your child's Individual Student Report, you can view:


- Video explaining the score reports: <http://www.understandthescore.org/>

In addition to the district website where you can find links to sample test questions and answer keys, you can find grade-level learning resources that can be accessed at home at the following websites:

- Additional resources for parents: <http://www.bealearninghero.org/>
- Information about the PARCC assessment: <http://www.parcconline.org/resources/parent-resources>
- New Jersey specific information: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,



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