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Dear Parents and Family Members,

Last spring, Rhode Island students participated in a new set of assessments in English and mathematics, the PARCC assessment (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). We recently released the statewide test results, and today we provide you with a score report for your child.

This report provides information about your child's overall performance in English and mathematics, how your child performed on the various sections of each test, and how his or her performance compares with others in the school, in your school district, and in Rhode Island as a whole.

This report contains information that may raise some questions. Does your child need any additional supports in order to succeed? What are his or her strengths? What is the plan to build upon strengths and to provide extra supports? We encourage you to discuss with your child's teachers any questions you have about these results. We believe the information in this report can help you and your child's teachers provide personalized instruction and support that meets your child's learning needs.

This is our first year of PARCC assessments, and we consider these results to be a starting point. We expect the results to improve in coming years, as students and teachers become more familiar with the test and with the grade-level learning expectations in English and mathematics.

PARCC results are one piece of information about the academic performance of your child. With that in mind, we hope that you find useful information in this report and that you will work in partnership with your child's teachers to make sure your child is ready for success.

Sincerely,

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Ken Wagner, Commissioner

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