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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are currently mailing home individual student reports (ISRs) for the students that participated in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests 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 match the content and skills outlined in the new standards that are guiding instruction. These new tests moved away from fill-in-the bubble tests and asked questions that require students to explain their answers. The results from PARCC, along with your child's educational learning experience, including performance in the classroom, provide an overall picture of his or her academic success and progress towards graduating high school ready to succeed at college level work.

We do not have a score report to send to you as your child either did not participate or did not participate fully enough to receive a valid test score. As a courtesy, we are providing you with a 'mock up' of a score report so that you can see what other parents in the district received to describe the performance of their children.

I hope you will agree that the attached report provides more detailed information about student learning than the old NJ ASK and HSPA reports. 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.

In addition, you can find grade level learning resources that can be accessed at home at the following websites:

- Video explaining the score reports: <http://www.understandthescore.org>
- Additional resources for parents: <http://www.belearninghero.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 building principal.

Sincerely,

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