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Dear CPS Families,

As you know, your child participated in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment last spring. PARCC is the state's Common Core-aligned assessment that shows how well students are learning in English Language Arts and Math. Illinois adopted the Common Core Standards in 2010, and our District has been working hard to implement these improved standards since that time, so that our students will be college and career ready at graduation. I'm happy to report that this work is proving successful, as once again CPS is outpacing the state in growth on the categories measured by the PARCC exam.

This week the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the Illinois Report Card, which features a variety of academic performance measures for individual schools and school districts across the state. Included in this report, are schools' performance on the PARCC exam.

You should be receiving your child's PARCC score report this week as well, if you have not already. While no test results will ever fully capture the breadth of your child's abilities, these results help teachers and school leaders understand how they can better support your child to reach his or her full potential.

As you review your child's results, remember that the PARCC assessment is still a new test for our state and our District. Importantly, PARCC reflects our state's improved standards, and allows us to measure progress in new ways. I encourage you to review your child's report, and to use the following resources to learn more about their results:

- **Understand the Score:** <http://understandthescore.org/>. This site provides parent-friendly guidance on how to read the PARCC parent reports and what next steps to take based on how your student has done. It is available in English and Spanish.
- **Great Kids:** <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/test-guide/>. This site provides parents with guidance on the learning expectations at each grade and includes videos that show the Common Core in action in real classrooms. It also provides next steps for parents to help their children and links to resources online. It is available in English and Spanish.
- **Be a Learning Hero Skill Builder:** <http://belearninghero.org/skill-builder>. This site provides parents with links to online tools, games and skill practice for students.

If you have questions about your child's performance on PARCC, please contact your child's teacher, who will be able to speak with you about how best to support your student's individual learning needs.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to your child's education. Know that we share that commitment and are doing our best to give your child an education that prepares them for the world ahead.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Jackson

Chief Education Officer



正如你所知，你們的孩子參加了春季時候的預備好上大學和職業準備的測試（PARCC），PARCC是全國共同核心的基準試，顯示學生在英語和數學方面的學習情況，伊利諾伊州在2010年通過了共同核心標準，我們城市一直努力實施這些改進的標準，從那時起，好讓我們的學生畢業時候有上大學和就業的準備。我很高興地報告，這項工作證明是成功的，因為芝加哥教育署再次超過了PARCC考試所量度的增長。

本週，伊利諾伊州教育委員會（ISBE）發布了“伊利諾伊州成績表”，其中包括針對全州各地學校和城市各種學術成績評估，在這報告中包括了學校在 PARCC考試中的表現。如果你們仍未收到，這星期您們應該收到孩子的PARCC成績報告，雖然沒有測試結果能完全捕捉您孩子的能力，這些結果幫助教師和學校領導了解如何更好地支持您的孩子，達到他或她的全部潛力。

當你閱讀孩子的成績結果時候，請記住 PARCC測試仍然是我們州和城市的一個新的考驗。重要的是PARCC反映了我們伊利諾斯州改進的標準，並讓我們以新的方式量度進展，我鼓勵您們細閱孩子的成績報告，並使用以下資源了解有關其結果的詳情：

- 了解分數：<http://understandthescore.org/>。這個網站為家長提供指引怎樣了解報告和下一個步怎樣幫助學生。有英語和西班牙語。
- 好孩子：[http //www.greatschools.org/gk/test-guide/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/test-guide/)，這個網站為家長提供了關每一個班級學習期望的指引，包括了課室內共同核心的影音，以及怎樣幫助學生的步驟級網上資源的連接。它有英語和西班牙語。
- 成為學習技能的英雄：<http://belearninghero.org/skill-builder>。這個網站為家長提供了在線工具，遊戲和技能練習的連接。

如果您對您孩子在PARCC的表現有任何疑問，請聯繫孩子的老師，他們將能夠與您談談如何最好地支持您的學生的個人學習需求。

感謝您對孩子的教育所作的持續承諾，我們同同樣有這一承諾，並儘全力為您的孩子提供教育，使他們為未來的世界做好準備。



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