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To our parents/guardians,

We are slowly approaching the final trimester of the academic school year and I thank our parents/guardians/caregivers for your continued support. We remain focused on the academic challenges that impact our school community and expect continued improvement through the completion of the academic school year. We will administer the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) very soon and encourage you to alleviate any apprehension your child may have about testing. The PARCC assesses students' current performance, and identifies what students need to learn to be ready for the next grade level and, by high school graduation, for college and/or a career.

I encourage you to visit the website (parcc-assessment.org) and review the scoring rubrics and guides to the scoring, as well as released item sets, answer keys, standards alignment, and sample student responses – scored and annotated. A significant number of these test questions and supporting instructional resources provided to offer a comprehensive view of the test.

The assessments are designed to give schools and teachers more information to improve instruction. I believe that most importantly, PARCC is designed to let parents know how their child is progressing academically. The PARCC website provides is you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 908-731-4200 extension 5079.

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