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Dear Parents/Guardians and Families:

The Cumberland School Department will be sending home the PARCC student scores on Monday, December 21, 2015. Building administrators have received two copies of each child's individual data reports. One copy remains within their respective student file and the other copy is for parents to review.

In Commissioner Wagner's recent RIDE report, he states that, "The 2015 results of the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments give us a first look at whether Rhode Island students are meeting the expectations of the Common Core State Standards. These new learning standards, based on an international set of benchmarks, establish expectations for each grade level in literacy and mathematics. The standards are designed to prepare students for success in their next grade level, in postsecondary learning, and in career opportunities."

On the reports you will find English Language Arts and Mathematics performance indicators that are broken down into subcategories such as, but not limited to, Informational Text, Vocabulary, and Mathematical Reasoning. Please reference the link provided specifically for parents and families designed to explain how to interpret your child's score... <http://understandthescore.org/>

This year's results provides our schools and administrators with a baseline of information that we will use to improve our daily instructional practices. This is the first year that the PARCC was given to all students in grades 3 through 10. It is also the first time that all students took a test using technology. We acknowledge that we have work to do. We will not lose sight of our vigilant focus on student growth, student achievement, and continued success.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's building administrator.

Sincerely,



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