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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in grades 3-6 during the 2020-21 school year are receiving Individual Student Reports for the 2021 Smarter Balanced Assessment. This report shows achievement on the spring 2021 assessments based on the Connecticut Core Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. These challenging standards set learning expectations for what students should learn and be able to do at each grade level, so that by the time they graduate from high school, they are ready to succeed in college and the workplace.

The Individual Student Report contains an overall scale score and a performance level (Level 1-4) for English language arts and mathematics. Each subject area also contains a performance indicator for each area of knowledge and skills measured within that subject. English Language Arts covers four areas –reading, listening, and writing and research/inquiry. Mathematics addresses three areas of knowledge and skills– concepts and procedures; problem solving and modeling & data analysis; and communicating reasoning.

Please review your child’s results and visit the Connecticut State Department of Education to view the Smarter Balanced Parent Guide entitled “Preparing Students For Success.” The guide includes what your child was expected to learn last year and what he/she will learn this year. It also includes tips and websites for parents to support learning at home. The parent guide is available in seven languages at the following website: www.ct.gov/sde/parentguides

It is important to remember that the Smarter Balanced Assessment is designed to measure college and career readiness and is one measure of performance. Parents should consider additional information such as daily classwork, homework, observations, and formative and summative assessments when making educational decisions.

As always, do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me if you wish to discuss further any aspect of these assessments.

Sincerely,

Kathy McNeil