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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The enclosed report/s reflect your child's performance on the state and district assessments designed to monitor his/her progress throughout his/her educational experience.

The IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) assessment, formerly known as the PARCC assessment, is administered each spring to students in Grades 3-8. The IAR assessment serves as an educational GPS system, "assessing students" current performance, and pointing the way to what students need to learn to be ready for the next grade level and, by high school graduation, for college and/or a career. The IAR assessments are designed to give schools and teachers more information to improve instruction. Moreover, the IAR is designed to let you know how your child is progressing academically.

The MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment is administered in the Fall and Winter of each school year to students in Grades 2-10. MAP Growth tests are unique as they adapt to your child's level of learning. This means that if your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If your child answers incorrectly, the next question is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn. After each MAP Growth test, results are delivered in the form of a RIT (Rasch Unit scale) score that reflects your child's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. The RIT scale extends equally across all grades, making it possible to compare a student's score at various points throughout his/her education.

The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) is administered in October to students in Grade 8, and in April to students in Grades 9 and 10, and the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is administered to students in Grade 11. The tests are designed using research that helps measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness and success. As students advance from grade to grade, the tests will keep pace, matching the scope and difficulty of work found in the classroom. The SAT Suite opens doors to college. Its unique benefits include free personalized practice, college application fee waivers, scholarship opportunities, increased access to AP courses, and more.

Please review your child's reports. If you have any questions regarding your child's results, please visit the websites listed below, or contact your child's teacher or principal.

IAR Resources

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IAR-ScoreGuideParent.pdf> (this is the most current copy of the Score Interpretation Guide)

MAP Resources

<https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

PSAT/SAT Resources

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Statewide-SAT-Performance-Levels-Family-FAQ.pdf>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/scores/understanding-scores>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Valiente". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Our mission is to make a difference in students' lives through excellence in education.