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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Last spring your child participated in the new Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in English Language Arts and Math. This assessment replaced the ISAT at the elementary/middle levels and the PSAE at the high school level.

Your child's score, as well as the school and district averages, look different and may, in fact, be lower this year. However, this is the case throughout the state and nation. We encourage you not to compare these scores to previous assessment reports. As the saying goes, you will be comparing apples to oranges. The Richland County School District has been working to update and improve our curriculum over the past few years to address the new standards, and our students are progressing well through this transition.

It is also important to remember that standardized test scores provide only one measure of student learning. When combined with other measures, such as teacher observations and in-class work, the PARCC test helps to provide a more comprehensive picture of student performance.

Change can be hard, but we expect that the end result will be students that are better equipped for success in whatever direction they choose. I am confident that our future score reports will reflect the hard work of our students, staff, and parents. As always, if you have specific questions about your child's report or academic progress, please contact the school your child attends.

Sincerely,

Larry Bussard

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