



November 17, 2017

Dear CPS Families,

As you know, your child participated in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment last spring. PARCC is the state's Common Core-aligned assessment that shows how well students are learning in English Language Arts and Math. Illinois adopted the Common Core Standards in 2010, and our District has been working diligently to implement these improved standards since that time, so that our students will be college and career ready at graduation.

Enclosed is your child's PARCC score report, which explains your student's results on the School Year 2016-17 PARCC exam. While no test results will ever fully capture the breadth of your child's abilities, these results help teachers and school leaders understand how they can better support your child to reach his or her full potential. The following resources are available for you to learn more about your child's results:

- **Understand the Score:** <http://understandthescore.org/>. This site provides parent-friendly guidance on how to read the PARCC parent reports and what next steps to take based on how your student has done. It is available in English and Spanish.
- **Great Kids:** <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/>. This site provides parents with guidance on the learning expectations at each grade and includes videos that show the Common Core in action in real classrooms. It also provides next steps for parents to help their children and links to resources online. It is available in English and Spanish.
- **Be a Learning Hero Skill Builder:** <https://belearninghero.org/learning-tools/skill-builder/>. This site provides parents with links to online tools, games and skill practice for students.

If you have questions about your child's performance on PARCC, please contact your child's teacher, who will be able to speak with you about how best to support your student's individual learning needs.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to your child's education. We share that commitment and are doing our best to give your child a high quality public education that prepares them for college, career and civic life.

Sincerely,

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