[INSERT DATE]

Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Attached you will find your child’s Individual Student Report with the scores from the 2022 Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment.**

The Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment is given to students in Grades 5, 8, and 11. It was designed specifically for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Your child’s Planning and Placement Team (PPT) selected it based on your child’s needs, and your child’s teacher administered it throughout the 2021-22 school year. This test helps teachers and parents see how their student is performing on grade-level science skills. The results can point to areas where a student is performing on target, and the areas where a student may need extra help.

**What does the science test measure?**

These tests are made up of tasks on a variety of science topics, such as Earth, Life, and Physical Science. The tasks use activities for your child to explore with the support of their teacher. The test includes materials such as pictures, tables, and objects that make the activities engaging and accessible. The teacher uses a script with steps to follow when the student may need more support. Accommodations are provided based on the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**How are scores reported?**

The scores from the test are presented in the Individual Student Report. There are four performance categories: Exceeds the Alternate Achievement Standard, Meets the Alternate Achievement Standard, Approaching the Alternate Achievement Standard, or Does not Meet the Alternate Achievement Standard. In addition to an overall score, results for each of the six tasks administered across Earth, Life, and Physical Science are included. It is important to remember this is only one source of information about your child’s academic performance. These results should be used with other information about your child such as the IEP, a progress report, a recent report card, and teacher feedback. More information about how your child performed on the tasks can be found on the Individual Student Report.

**How can families find more information?**

For more information on the Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment, please refer to the [Parent Overview of Connecticut’s Alternate Assessment System](https://ct.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/alternate-assessment-system/parent-overview-of-connecticut's-alternate-assessment-system) available on the [Connecticut Alternate Assessment System Website](https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Student-Assessment/CTAA-Skills-Checklist/Connecticut-Alternate-Assessments).

Your student’s test results will provide you and their teacher with valuable information to support your child where needed most in the year ahead. If you have any questions about your child’s Individual Student Report, please contact your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

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