[INSERT DATE]

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each spring, students in Grades 3-8 are tested using the Smarter Balanced Assessments in English language arts (ELA) and math. These tests help teachers and parents see where students are compared with where they need to be. The results can point to subject areas where a student is performing beyond the grade-level expectations, and the subject areas where a student needs extra help. Attached you will find your child’s Individual Student Report with the scores from the 2023 Smarter Balanced ELA and math tests.

These tests are designed to measure the skills on which the Connecticut Core Standards focus—critical thinking and problem solving—the real-world skills students need to be successful in college and careers. These skills are measured through reading, writing, and math questions that require students to show that they truly understand the content. When taking the tests, additional supports are available for some students with special needs, as determined by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 Plan.

* To find resources for parents and guardians, including Parent Guides made to accompany student reports, please visit [CTCoreStandards.org](https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/CT-Core-Standards/Parent-Guides).
* A short video is available (both in [English](https://youtu.be/OSYvndIE1QY) and in [Spanish](https://youtu.be/08qgPsvCBrU)) to help you get the most out of this report.
* For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests in our district, please visit [INSERT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT WEBPAGE].

Measuring student success against standards is important in preparing our children for college and work. Your student’s test results will provide their teacher with valuable data to target supports and resources where they are needed most to address student learning in the year ahead. If you have any questions about your child’s Individual Student Report, please contact your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]

[INSERT TITLE]