[INSERT DATE]

Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Attached you will find your child’s Individual Student Report with the scores from the 2022 Connecticut Alternate Assessment for English language arts and mathematics.**

The Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA) is given to students in Grades 3-8, 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 it was administered by your child’s teacher in spring 2022. It helps teachers and parents see how their student is performing on grade-level reading, writing, and math 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 CTAA test measure?**

These tests are designed to be accessible for students to show what they know and can do in reading, writing and math. For example, reading passages are reduced in length and include pictures and graphics. Math items include common geometric shapes and smaller numbers. The test uses multiple-choice items to measure skills and are read to students by a trained teacher in a one-to-one test setting. Students are supported with accommodations per their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**How are scores reported?**

The scores from the English language arts and math tests 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. These reports include descriptions of the skills the student can demonstrate.

It is important to remember that the information provided in your child’s report 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.

**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%27s-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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