Dear Parent/Guardian:

This spring, your child will participate in the annual state assessments in English language arts and mathematics by taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 will also be tested in science by taking the Next Generation Standards Science Assessment.

Student reports will be sent home to parents and guardians in early fall. You can use the results to see what your child knows and what skills they can demonstrate based on the state academic standards taught in the classroom and measured on the state assessments. Results for English language arts, mathematics, and science are only one example of information about your child’s learning and should be considered with other student performance reflected during classwork, on your student’s report card, and teacher feedback.

Results from the state assessments will be made available to school districts in the summer. Schools use these tests to see how students are progressing at each grade level. The results help school and district staff strengthen their educational programs and instruction to improve outcomes for your child.

Our schools and families are working to support students during this challenging year. Together we can help students continue to learn in order to graduate prepared for college and careers.

For more information about the statewide testing in our district, please visit [INSERT DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS WEBPAGE].