

TEMPLATE: LEA Letter to Educators Explaining Score Release

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Dear Educators:

This week, the District of Columbia will be releasing scores from this past spring's PARCC assessment. This information will be shared with both parents and educators through their schools. By December, parents will receive a copy of their child's detailed score report, while educators will receive a summary of former students' scores, as well as access to detailed information about the performance of their current and former students. This data can be used to improve classroom instruction in ways we have never been able to do before.

Results from the assessments may look lower this year across the District. As you know, these new tests measure more complex, real-world skills, such as critical-thinking, writing and problem solving. That's why this year is about setting a new baseline. However, parents may be concerned about their child's scores, and they may look to you for guidance on how to increase student mastery. I encourage you to work with parents to uncover ways of supporting students throughout the school year.

This time also serves as an opportunity for us, as educators, to reflect on where our students are, where they need to be, and how we're going to work toward closing that gap. The first year of testing was a transition year. As we continue to acclimate to the standards and new assessments, it's important that we work together to continue growing in our practice. Over the upcoming year, we will offer additional professional development opportunities for teachers to help support you in the learning process [ADD ADDITIONAL DETAIL HERE ABOUT AVAILABLE RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES].

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administrators.

Thank you for your continued service to our students. I look forward to seeing the wonderful learning that will continue to happen in our classrooms during the remainder of this year.

Together for students,