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SUBJECT: **2016 Testing Report**

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New Jersey statute and New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regulation require all districts to report the performance of their students on state assessments on an annual basis. This requirement is measured through the QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) process. Our district is scheduled for the triennial QSAC review during this school year.

As you are aware, the NJDOE instituted a new testing system during the 2014-15 school year. This testing system is called the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The second administration took place in May 2016. In addition, the district participates in a science assessment in grade 8 and a biology exam in the high school.

Shown below are comparisons for the last two years for each of these assessments. Please note that the NJDOE considers the percentage of students scoring four or better on the various PARCC exams as an indication of content mastery. The NJDOE is attempting to make this information more useful for local districts. The NJDOE is also in the process of defining which exams will be used to satisfy the federal testing requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Currently, students may satisfy the graduation requirement using a variety of testing instruments. As the NJDOE clarifies these procedures, I will inform the Board.

2015 PARCC ELA							District	State
	# Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	>= Level 4	>= Level 4
Grade 7	283	2%	8%	17%	47%	26%	73%	52%
Grade 8	300	3%	11%	19%	47%	19%	66%	52%
Grade 9	230	10%	18%	18%	39%	16%	55%	40%
Grade 10	257	17%	19%	20%	29%	15%	44%	37%
Grade 11	173	16%	17%	15%	38%	14%	52%	41%

2016 PARCC ELA							District	State
	# Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	>= Level 4	>= Level 4
Grade 7	279	3%	7%	19%	48%	23%	71%	57%
Grade 8	278	5%	10%	13%	50%	22%	72%	56%
Grade 9	269	5%	9%	23%	45%	17%	62%	48%
Grade 10	204	15%	15%	22%	28%	21%	49%	43%
Grade 11	98	20%	26%	20%	28%	6%	34%	39%

2015 PARCC Mathematics							District	State
	# Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	>= Level 4	>= Level 4
Grade 7	285	1%	6%	20%	62%	21%	83%	37%
Grade 8	234	3%	9%	26%	60%	2%	62%	24%
Alegbra 1*	293	1%	13%	23%	50%	13%	63%	36%
Geometry**	215	5%	16%	34%	37%	7%	44%	22%
Algebra II**	147	2%	7%	23%	61%	6%	67%	24%

2016 PARCC Mathematics							District	State
	# Tested	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	>= Level 4	>= Level 4
Grade 7	282	4%	7%	18%	49%	23%	72%	38%
Grade 8	202	8%	8%	20%	58%	5%	63%	26%
Alegbra 1*	368	7%	11%	17%	53%	12%	65%	41%
Geometry**	147	9%	21%	27%	29%	15%	44%	27%
Algebra II**	140	6%	9%	19%	59%	7%	66%	25%

* Includes 8th students who took Honors Algebra 1 in eighth grade.

** Students who double up in math take the Algebra II exam.

2015 NJASK Science—Grade 8						
	#Tested		Partial		Proficient	Advanced
RDMS	315		4.9%		64.4%	30.7%
State	103,893		23.0%		57.7%	19.3%
2016 NJASK Science—Grade 8						
	# Tested		Partial		Proficient	Advanced
RDMS	288		7.7%		41.2%	51.1%
State	102,317		27.1%		46.6%	26.3%
2015 Biology Competency Test						
	#Tested		Partial		Proficient	Advanced
RDHS	246		29.3%		52.2%	18.5%
State	105,417		43.3%		40.7%	16.0%
2016 Biology Competency Test						
	#Tested		Partial		Proficient	Advanced
RDHS	271		31.3%		48.3%	20.4%
State	103,594		42.2%		44.8%	13.0%

In addition to the assessments shown above, River Dell also participates in the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Advanced Placement program, both of which are administered by The College Board. Shown below are five year trends for River Dell students. Please note that most of the major high school rating organizations use the percentage of students scoring three or better on the various AP exams as an indication of high school success.

Advanced Placement Trend 2012-2016						
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	#Tested	258	251	288	308	272
	>=Level 3	86.0%	81.3%	84.0%	84.4%	86.4%
SAT Mean Scores						
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Reading					
RDHS		528	522	541	543	534
State		495	499	501	500	495
	Writing					
RDHS		547	526	549	550	542
State		499	500	502	499	492
	Mathematics					
RDHS		568	560	573	573	566
State		517	533	523	521	514

Thank you.

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