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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE) has recently released student and school PARCC test results. As you will recall, PARCC was administered last spring replacing the New Jersey ASK for grades 3 through 8, and the High School HSPA exam. This new test was designed to measure student achievement as well as provide an indication of his or her academic success.

We do not have a PARCC report for your review as your child chose not to participate or did not participate fully enough to record a valid score. To help you and your child learn what other parents and students in the district received to review PARCC results, we are providing you with a "mock up" of a PARCC score report.

In looking over the "mock up" PARCC report, you will notice that each subject is broken down into categories of skills and content to identify where a student is doing well and where he or she needs some additional help. As you can see, the PARCC report provides more detailed information than from past state tests to help you support your child and better work with his or her teacher to address particular instructional needs.

This school year, PARCC has been significantly reduced as to time in taking the test and in the items on the test. The change is in response to parent and school district concerns related to these matters. With these changes in place we urge you to review the score report information that you have received and hope that you encourage your child to take PARCC this coming spring and do his or her best.

Thank you for your continued support of our Palmyra Schools and feel free to contact your child's School Principal if you have questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Brian J. McBride, M.Ed.
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