



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chancellor

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Dear Families,

Every spring, DC Public Schools (DCPS) students take part in an assessment to help us learn more about student and school progress. This assessment is called the PARCC, The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) released PARCC scores from School Year 2017-2018 in mid-August. The attached report from OSSE details your child's individual scores.

I am pleased to share that in School Year 2017-2018, DCPS students made continued progress on the PARCC. Our students outpaced the city overall, making gains across every grade, ward, and nearly every student group. Many schools made significant gains in both reading and math. This improvement is the result of your children's learning, their educators' commitment, and your support.

We are pleased with our district's PARCC growth, but know that we still have work to do so that all children are prepared for the future. No matter how your child, or your child's school, did this year, I want you to know that DCPS is working hard to ensure continuous improvement.

The PARCC test is important, but it is only one measure of achievement. We cannot rely solely on one test to get a complete picture of your child. Thus, we look at grades, teacher reports, attendance, how students feel about school, and many other factors to inform decisions about how to work with you and help your child thrive.

I am confident that our PARCC results, and our students' prospects, will only grow from here. Thank you for being our partners in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Amanda Alexander
Interim Chancellor, DC Public Schools