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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed you will find your child's results of the 2018-19 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The PSSA in Language Arts, Mathematics and Science (grade 4 and 8 only) were administered in April 2019 and were given to third through eighth grade students. The state takes several months to score the tests since they all include multiple choice and open-ended response items; the latter requiring teams of evaluators to read and score.

Enclosed are the PSSA Reports for your child in the tested subject(s). Your child's report(s) provide individual student scores and state goals for comparison. These scores provide us with information on how each student scored on the tested content. In addition, student scores provide us with a general sense of how our students are doing in relation to others in Pennsylvania. The aggregate information we will be receiving about our district's performance will be helpful to us in evaluating the effectiveness of the curriculum. On the back of each Student Report are descriptions of the four performance levels.

To assist parents and guardians in further understanding of the Individual Student Report, a "Report Interpretation Guide" can be found on the PDE website (type "student report guide" in the search box).

If you have any specific questions about the Pennsylvania assessment program, please contact your child's counselor or principal.

Sincerely,

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