



## District Services Center

**SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS**

*High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.*

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child participated in either the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-III) or the Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS-III) last spring. These are statewide tests that help districts measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards, and fulfill state and federal accountability requirements. Students in Grades 3 through 8 and high school complete the MCA or MTAS in reading, math, and/or science.

Your child's Individual Student Report is enclosed. The report provides your child's overall score and achievement level in each subject tested, as well as state, district, and school averages. Achievement levels of *Meets the Standards* or *Exceeds the Standards* are considered "proficient" for accountability purposes. More information about understanding your child's Individual Student Report can be found at <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/isr/>.

These results are used by teachers and administrators for school improvement planning, and are just one of a number of ways that we measure your child's achievement in Spring Lake Park Schools.

For more information regarding the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and other state tests, you can visit the Minnesota Department of Education's website at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/index.htm>.

If you have any questions about the MCAs, MTAS, or any assessments that we use in our schools, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal, your child's counselor for personalized learning, or Jenna Johnshoy-Aarestad, Coordinator of Learning Analytics and Assessment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hope Rahn  
Director of Learning and Innovation  
Spring Lake Park Schools