



District Services Center

SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS

High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child participated in a state assessment last spring. It was either the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-III) or the Minnesota Tests of Academic Skills (MTAS-III). Students in grades 3-8 and high school complete the MCA or MTAS in reading, math, and/or science. These are statewide tests. Results help districts and policymakers better understand where students are in their learning so we can create a world-class learning community.

Your child's report is enclosed. The report provides your child's overall score and achievement level in each subject tested. It also includes state, district, and school averages. Achievement levels of *Meets the Standards* or *Exceeds the Standards* are considered "proficient." More information about the report can be found at <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/isr/> or in this document: "[What Families Need to Know about Using MCA and MTAS Results](#)."

For more information about these and other state tests, 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 contact me at kstewa@district16.org. You can also contact your child's teacher or counselor, or the school principal.

Sincerely,

Kelly Stewart
Coordinator of Learning Analytics and Assessment
Spring Lake Park Schools

For additional translated documents, please go to our [SLP Assessment website](#).