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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This spring, your child participated in the **Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP)**. The VAAP is the standardized assessment from the **Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)** available to students in grades 3-8 and high school who have demonstrated the need for a specific academic program per the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). These students are required to demonstrate individual achievement of content standards as presented in the **Virginial Essentialized Standards of Learning (VESOLs)**. The VESOL are linked to the **Standards of Learning (SOL)** and have been reduced in depth, breadth, and complexity to make the content relevant, accessible, and appropriate for participating students. You can find additional information on the VDOE website tinyurl.com/vdoe-vaap or by scanning the QR code provided below.

Your student's individual VAAP results are shown in the enclosed "Student Detail by Question Report" for each content area assessed. Student performance is graded on a scale of 625-880 with 740 representing VDOE's defined benchmark for proficiency, and 780 representing advanced proficiency. Performance level descriptors provide additional details specific to the content area assessed and are grouped by reporting category in the summary table.

When reviewing your student's results it is important to remember that achievement results on all tests, including standardized assessments, are an imperfect measure and are subject to what is known as the standard error of measurement (SEM). To learn more about SEM please visit: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/scoring/standard_error_measurement/index.shtml. Please also note that there are no retakes of the VAAP.

Please contact the Department of Accountability at (703) 619-8032 should you have any questions about your child's VAAP Student Report. If you have any questions regarding the instructional implications of your student's performance please contact your student's school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clinton Page, Chief of Accountability and Research
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