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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Enclosed, you will find your child's Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) 8th Edition Family Report from our most recent literacy benchmark assessment. This report provides valuable information about your child's early reading skills and progress toward grade-level expectations.

The DIBELS assessment is a brief, one-on-one measure of the skills most important for learning to read, such as phonemic awareness, decoding, fluency, and comprehension. It is administered three times a year in grades K-3, as required by New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-146), and helps us ensure that every student develops a strong foundation in literacy.

The Family Report will show:

- Your child's benchmark results and how they compare to grade-level expectations at this point in the school year.
- Areas of strength where your child is on track.
- Areas where your child may need additional support in foundational reading skills.

It is important to remember that DIBELS does not provide any type of diagnosis for reading disabilities. Instead, it is a screening tool that helps teachers understand how to best support your child's reading growth. If the results suggest that additional support would be helpful, your child's teacher may provide targeted small-group or individual instruction, or recommend participation in our reading intervention program.

We encourage you to review the enclosed report and reach out with any questions. Working together, we can ensure that your child continues to develop the literacy skills needed for long-term academic success. For more information, please visit the Pequannock district website under Academics > Curriculum & Instruction > Universal Screening.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's education!

Warm regards,

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