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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the spring, your child participated in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests to measure his or her academic progress with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. New Jersey has had statewide tests for decades, and they have served as a small, but important part of assessing our students' annual progress.

The results of the third-year administration of PARCC are encouraging. Overall, more students advanced into the highest scoring levels, indicating that they are on track to be ready for college and career when they graduate. There were also promising trends in student participation, as the overwhelming majority of students took all the tests. This is particularly important to the BHS Class of 2021 where PARCC test participation impacts graduation requirements.

This year's scores have been returned to the district and a report on the results will be made to the community at the September 12 Board Meeting. This faster turnaround gives educators a greater opportunity to use the results to tailor classroom instruction to support individual students. However, PARCC score results are not used as criteria for any academic programs or scheduling options in Bloomfield Schools.

The Individual Student Reports will be sent home in the mail during the month of September. You should receive an individual score report in English language arts and mathematics. A written explanation on this report indicates where your child is doing well and where he or she may need additional help. There are also charts and graphics that show you how well your student is performing in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and how your student's performance compares to other students in the school, district and state.

For more information about interpreting your child's Individual Student Report, you can visit the Bloomfield School District website at www.bloomfield.k12.nj.us. Additional resources to help support your child can be found on the NJDOE website at www.state.nj.us/education and on the UnderstandTheScore.org site.

Should you have any questions, you can contact your building principal.

Wishes to all for a successful and happy 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,

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