

Hardyston School District

*183 Wheatsworth Road
Hamburg, NJ 07419
(973) 823-7000 FAX (973) 823-7010
www.htps.org*

*Michael Ryder
Chief School Administrator/Middle School Principal*

*James R. Sekelsky
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

*Jennifer Cimaglia
Elementary School Principal*

*Jodi Reinstein
Director of Special Education*

*Robert J. Demeter
Middle School Vice-Principal*

August 20, 2018

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. Evaluating the results from statewide testing can be a helpful tool in measuring your child's success in school, and it is just one of the many ways your child's teachers and administrators can determine whether he or she is on track for the next grade or ready for college. 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 fourth-year administration of PARCC are encouraging. Overall, more students have participated each year, and the percentage of students in the lower ends of the performance scale (Levels 1 and 2) has been declining, while slowly rising at the upper levels (Levels 4 and 5), in both mathematics and English Language Arts.

As was the case last year, this year's scores are also being returned much sooner to schools and parents. The faster turnaround gives educators a greater opportunity to use the results to tailor classroom instruction to support individual students.

For more information about your child's ISR, you can visit UnderstandTheScore.org. Additional resources to help support your child can be found on the NJDOE Office of Assessments webpage. Guides are also available on the www.htps.org website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Ryder at 973-823-7000 ext. 1080. Thank you.

Our Legacy, A Well Educated Child