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Dear Elementary and Middle School Parent(s)/Guardians(s):

The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts and the North Carolina Essential Standards (ES) for Science are being taught for the first time this year in classrooms throughout North Carolina. As such, new End-of-Grade (EOG) Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science summative assessments aligned to these standards will be administered for the first time in spring 2013.

The first priority when implementing new assessments is to ensure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. When new assessments are administered for the first time, student scores are delayed while the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) processes the test data and completes all of the necessary analyses. These processes and analyses will take place during summer 2013. Due to the necessity of this critical process, in 2012-13 students will not receive their test scores at the completion of the test administration. Instead the scores for these assessments will be delayed until October 2013. Once the State Board of Education has approved the scores (achievement levels) in October 2013, schools will provide parents with each student's Individual Student Report. With results from the new assessments being delayed, schools will use the results from other available student information to assign grades and/or make placement decisions.

We appreciate your understanding as we move into this next generation of assessments and work toward providing the most accurate information possible concerning student performance on EOG assessments. If you have questions or concerns about the delay of your child's EOG test scores, assignment of grades, or placement decisions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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Testing & Accountability Director

Cc: R.V. Spain, Ed. D., Superintendent
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