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Dear Parent or Guardian:

As your child grows and learns during the school year, we want to determine what he or she knows and how well he or she can perform in core academic skill areas. We are writing to inform you that Somerset Prep DC PCS will administer the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), and DC Science tests this spring. These state-required assessments for the District were first administered in the 2014-15 school year and provide critical insights to your child's academic progress and ability. Detailed results from these assessments help parents understand their child's needs and strengths and work with their school to identify resources to support their child's education. Schools can use the information to better plan instruction, support and enrichment for students in the coming year and strengthen instruction for all students.

In the District of Columbia, the PARCC Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) assessments are required for students in grades 3-8, and for high school students when they are enrolled in courses aligned with the PARCC ELA II, and Geometry or Integrated Math II, depending on the student's and school's curriculum. At our school, all students will take the PARCC assessment on the computer. Please rest assured that students with identified learning needs will be provided necessary accommodations per their individual plans (IEP, ELL, 504).

At Somerset Prep DC PCS, the assessments will be administered in the following windows:

PARCC:

Grades 6-8 ELA: May 1st – May 3rd, 2018

Grades 6-8 MAT: May 15th – May 17th, 2018

Grades 9-10 ELA: April 24th – April 26th, 2018

Grades 9-10 MAT: May 8th – May 10th, 2018

We are excited that DC students are participating in these high-quality, next generation assessments that will help all of us better understand what our students know and are able to do. You can find a suite of helpful resources, including score reports, at www.osse.dc.gov/parcc and results.osse.dc.gov to help you better understand and prepare for the assessments. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to do his or her best, and in making sure your child is present and on time during the testing windows for both assessment and instruction.

If you have any questions regarding the new assessments, please contact me, and I will be happy to speak with you. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lauren Catalano

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Principal