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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 4 through Grade 9 Students:

The State Department of Education recently released results from the 4th administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). Your child's school is currently in the process of reviewing and disaggregating the results. In the weeks ahead, we will continue our examination of this information, including a comparative analysis with the District's student performance records and assessments.

You can expect to receive your child's Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) via U.S. mail. Smarter Balanced Assessment information created by the State Department of Education for families can be viewed at: <http://ct.portal.airast.org/resources/?section=students-families>. However, should you have additional questions, you are encouraged to contact your child's school.

The individual student report provides a snapshot of your child's performance in Math and English Language Arts, highlighting your child's strengths and areas in need of further development. This information is used by your child's teachers and school to inform instructional and programming decisions made on behalf of your child. As a district, we are committed to developing a comprehensive student profile that reflects the whole child; therefore, we consider the SBA student results only one portion of your child's current performance, and not the totality of their achievement.

Please be assured, the District has high expectations for all students and is committed to providing rigorous academics, as they are critical to preparing students for a successful adult life. To this end, we continue to focus resources and attention on supporting staff as they develop and deliver robust and relevant curricula and provide an engaging experience for students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hamlet M. Hernandez', is written over a large, light blue scribble.

Hamlet M. Hernandez
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent
Building Principals