March 2015

Illinois schools will administer new assessments created through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in spring 2015. Third- through eighth-graders will take the PARCC in both English language arts and math. The PARCC replaces the state’s former tests, the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). This year, we will be using the PARCC summative assessments, which are designed to measure overall curriculum and program effectiveness. These assessments are standardized to allow comparison across student groups. The PARCC summative assessments consist of two required components: a Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) and an End of Year assessment (EOY).

The results of the PARCC assessments will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review the results along with other information to help us improve our school programs. In addition, you will receive information about your child’s performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

- Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing.
- Making sure your child gets a good night’s sleep the evening prior to testing.
- Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing.
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions.
- Letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best.
- Advising your child not to worry about the test, but just to do his or her best.

Testing Dates for CCSD 46 students:

Performance-Based Assessment: March 9th – April 10th

End of Year Assessment: April 27th – May 22nd

We look forward to sharing the PARCC results with you this fall.

Sincerely,

Ellen Correll
Superintendent

Community Consolidated School District 46 will provide an educational environment that maximizes the potential of ALL students to be prepared for life’s opportunities while developing a lasting appreciation for learning.