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Spring 2014 Summative Test Results:

Dear Families:

In the spring of 2014, your student took one or more of the SAGE tests in grades 3-11 in English language arts, mathematics, and science. These tests were designed to measure their knowledge and skills on the Utah Core Standards. These standards reflect the expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of grade or course. The purpose of these assessments is to track college and career readiness after graduation.

Along with the Utah Core Standards, Utah educators have also established proficiency levels on the tests. Proficiency levels determine a "passing score" for the test. These passing scores have been set to identify the level of preparation to advance to the next level in preparation for college and career. Proficiency levels are divided into four categories: Highly proficient, Proficient, Approaching Proficient, and Below Proficient. Your student will receive one of these marks for each test given.

The passing scores for SAGE tests are more challenging than in prior tests (CRTs), and it is anticipated that many students may receive lower scores than they did in the past, and that fewer students will be proficient. That is not a reflection of decreased student achievement; rather, it reflects an increase of academic rigor. It is important to remember that SAGE results are one of many student performance indicators such as grades, performances, CTE skills tests, ACT, ASVAB, etc.

The school received the test results on October 20<sup>th</sup>. School administrators and counselors will be available to explain the new reports and interpretive guides that will be provided on or after November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Individual student scores will be available on Skyward on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are dedicated to working with parents and guardians in an effort to increase understanding of the new score reports and to provide clarifying information. Along with your teachers, we can work together using this data to improve your child's academic success post high school opportunities.

If you have further questions or concerns regarding your student's proficiency level in any course, be welcome to contact the school to help formulate a plan for future success.

Sincerely,

Fred Openshaw  
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