Superintendents/Principals to Teachers

*Use this entire article or just portions of it to communicate about the score reports.*

**Assisting families in using Score Reports to enhance academic success**

Dear Teachers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are ready for a great year ahead! Parents or other family members will soon receive their child’s score reports for the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) tests in English language arts, math and science. Please take this opportunity to learn about CMAS reports to help families understand and use them to support their child’s academic success.

By collaborating with family members and equipping them with the knowledge and tools to interpret these reports, we can foster a stronger partnership between home and school. Additional materials are available to help you discuss the score reports with parents here: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs-assessment>.

Some important points to share with family members about the statewide tests and the score reports:

1. **State tests are one measurement.** CMAS tests taken in the spring represent one measure of a student’s academic progress. Score reports from the CMAS tests help explain whether students are meeting the grade-level expectations laid out in the Colorado Academic Standards and whether students are on track for the next grade level. Remind parents that classroom grades and teacher feedback along with the score reports provide a more complete understanding of their student’s academic progress.
2. **How to use Score Reports.** Score reports can shed light on a child's academic strengths, highlighting the subjects and skills in which they excel. They also can pinpoint areas that require additional attention and support. Information on the score reports can help foster meaningful conversations with parents about strategies they can use at home to support their children.
3. **QR Code Helps Parents Understand Score Reports**: A grade-specific QR Code appears on Page One of every student’s score report. The QR code leads to a video that walks family members through the report and information about their student’s performance level.
4. **Pandemic effects continue.** The effects of the pandemic on academic achievement continue to linger and may be reflected in this year’s score reports. Help family members understand that the assessment results provide us with necessary information about the pandemic recovery efforts at the school, district and state levels. Our district also has received recovery funding from the federal government to help address students’ academic needs. *(Provide a description of some of the relief efforts in your district).*

By actively engaging parents in the interpretation and use of the score reports, we can empower them to become effective advocates for their child's education. Your efforts to support parents will undoubtedly contribute to improved academic success and a stronger partnership between home and school.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students' education. Together, we can make a significant impact on their academic growth and development.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]

Principal (or superintendent), [School Name]