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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment is the federal accountability measure in which public school students in Illinois will participate. The testing window in School District U-46 for the spring 2018 administration of the PARCC assessment opens March 5 and continues through April 20. This is the third year Illinois students will have participated in the PARCC assessment.

No assessment can ever fully capture the skills and abilities of a great teacher or the extraordinary benefits and positive impact of a great school. This assessment is simply one reflection of your child's academic growth. Assessments help provide a sense of where and how we are succeeding and where and how we must improve, along with other indicators, such as classroom work samples and teacher observations. The PARCC assessment is designed to give schools and teachers more information to support improvement efforts and personalize teaching to better guide your child's learning.

This year's results will allow you to see how your child is growing in his or her knowledge and understanding of the state's learning standards, which are focused on college and career readiness. PARCC corresponds with what your child is learning in the classroom and with the performance expectations of the Illinois Learning Standards in English language arts and mathematics.

The PARCC states have released many test items from last year's assessment to help parents and teachers understand the types of questions students will be asked. These questions are available through the ISBE's PARCC Place at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/PARCC-Place.aspx> which houses a variety of supports available to teachers and parents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura Hill'.

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