



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Attached is information about your child's performance on the 2021 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The assessment was administered in grades 3-8 in English Language Arts and math, and grades 4 and 8 in science. The assessment is aligned to the PA Core Standards that were published in 2014.

While these scores are used to evaluate a student's academic proficiency, they are only one factor to consider in your child's overall educational attainment.

I encourage you to stay in communication with teachers and school administrators as you monitor your child's academic progress. Fostering such relationships can be particularly important in maintaining a strong foundation throughout the school year.

For additional information about the PSSA, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website at [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov) or contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noe Ortega".

Noe Ortega  
Secretary of Education