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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In 2016–2017, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) used the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in English Language Arts/Literacy and mathematics to assess student progress toward meeting the compliance of the federal *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*.

The enclosed 2017 School Progress Report Card for Montgomery County Public Schools provides you with state, county, and individual school performance data, as well as information on student attendance, graduation rates, and the professional qualifications of teachers at the state, district, and school level for the 2016–2017 school year. Additional information about PARCC and its relationship to the federal law is available on the MSDE website at www.mdreportcard.org.

The PARCC assessments are aligned to the internationally benchmarked Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards. The PARCC assessments will provide students, educators, policymakers, and the public with the tools necessary to identify whether students are on track for postsecondary success, where gaps may exist, and how concerns may be addressed well before students enter college or the workforce.

Thank you for being involved and engaged in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure

William H. Farquhar Middle

Montgomery County (15:0507)

Attendance Rate %	School		County		State		Cohort Graduation Rate%	School		County		State	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016		2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Elementary	*	*	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	95.0	95.6	2017 (4-Year Rate)	*		89.52		87.67	
Middle	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	≥ 95.0	94.6	95.1	2016 (4-Year Rate)		*	89.83		87.61	
High	*	*	92.6	93.5	91.3	92.4	2016 (5-Year Rate)	*		92.03		89.47	

“*” indicates no students or fewer than 10 students in category.

Attendance Rate

Attendance Rate is the percentage of students in school for at least half of the average school day during the school year. Yearly targets were set for attendance so that by the end of school year 2013-14, the state, schools, and school systems would achieve and maintain an attendance rate of at least 94%.

Cohort Graduation Rate

The U.S. Department of Education requires each state to use an adjusted cohort graduation rate for school accountability. The adjusted cohort graduation rate ensures that all students who entered 9th grade together are counted in the graduation rate at the end of 4 years and at the end of 5 years.

The cohort graduation rate data for 2017 is the 4-year rate for the student cohort entering grade nine for the first time in fall 2013 and graduating no later than 2017. The cohort graduation rate data for 2016 is the 4-year rate for the student cohort entering grade nine for the first time in fall 2012 and graduating no later than 2016. The 2016 5-year rate is the same cohort graduating no later than 2017.

William H. Farquhar Middle

PARCC Assessment Performance Results Summary - 2017

		Performance Level										
		Level 1			Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Level 5	
		Did not yet meet expectations			Partially met expectations		Approached expectations		Met expectations		Exceeded expectations	
TESTED		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
English/Language Arts 6	State	63573	7889	12.4	13719	21.6	17574	27.6	21085	33.2	3306	5.2
	County	11462	975	8.5	2061	18.0	3038	26.5	4530	39.5	858	7.5
	School	224	*	≤5.0	33	14.7	87	38.8	78	34.8	15	6.7
English/Language Arts 7	State	63515	10094	15.9	10739	16.9	15333	24.1	19324	30.4	8025	12.6
	County	11594	1310	11.3	1509	13.0	2586	22.3	4243	36.6	1946	16.8
	School	222	*	≤5.0	19	8.6	51	23.0	91	41.0	53	23.9
English/Language Arts 8	State	63043	11880	18.8	12000	19.0	14609	23.2	20002	31.7	4552	7.2
	County	11410	1597	14.0	1741	15.3	2593	22.7	4450	39.0	1029	9.0
	School	214	17	7.9	25	11.7	64	29.9	93	43.5	15	7.0
Mathematics 6	State	63697	10751	16.9	15574	24.5	16874	26.5	17024	26.7	3474	5.5
	County	11459	1334	11.6	2412	21.0	3020	26.4	3574	31.2	1119	9.8
	School	223	14	6.3	37	16.6	75	33.6	84	37.7	13	5.8
Mathematics 7	State	57190	8201	14.3	15892	27.8	18602	32.5	13187	23.1	1308	2.3
	County	9531	1045	11.0	2316	24.3	3202	33.6	2780	29.2	*	≤5.0
	School	192	*	≤5.0	22	11.5	70	36.5	90	46.9	*	≤5.0
Mathematics 8	State	37868	13979	36.9	9164	24.2	8361	22.1	5949	15.7	415	1.1
	County	2392	1267	53.0	601	25.1	411	17.2	*	≤5.0	*	≤5.0
	School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Algebra I	State	71025	10849	15.3	17198	24.2	17064	24.0	23564	33.2	2350	3.3
	County	14246	1503	10.6	2970	20.8	3670	25.8	5464	38.4	*	≤5.0
	School	203	13	6.4	44	21.7	60	29.6	81	39.9	*	≤5.0
Algebra II	State	31746	11403	35.9	6199	19.5	5484	17.3	7906	24.9	754	2.4
	County	94	13	13.8	*	≤5.0	*	≤5.0	44	46.8	32	34.0
	School	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Geometry	State	11160	882	7.9	2216	19.9	2711	24.3	4297	38.5	1054	9.4
	County	2022	*	≤5.0	*	≤5.0	246	12.2	1242	61.4	486	24.0
	School	28	*	≤5.0	*	≤5.0	5	17.9	20	71.4	2	7.1

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

Students in grades 3-8 and high school participated in the PARCC assessments in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. PARCC complements, but does not replace, the existing Maryland School Assessment Program. Performance on the Alternate Maryland School Assessment (for students with disabilities) and the Maryland High School Assessments in Biology and Government continue to be a part of the Maryland School Assessment Program.

PARCC Performance Level Descriptors (PLD)

Performance level descriptors for English/Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics describe what a typical student at each level should be able to demonstrate based on his/her command of grade-level standards.

Level 1: Did not yet meet expectations

Level 2: Partially met expectations

Level 3: Approached expectations

Level 4: Met expectations

Level 5: Exceeded expectations

PARCC Assessment Participation Results Summary - 2017

Assessment	2017		
	Student Count	Participation Count	Participation Rate
English/Language Arts 6	225	*	>= 95.0
English/Language Arts 7	227	*	>= 95.0
English/Language Arts 8	218	*	>= 95.0
Mathematics 6	225	*	>= 95.0
Mathematics 7	198	*	>= 95.0
Mathematics 8	*	*	*

Visit Reportcard.msde.maryland.gov for up-to-date and disaggregated information.

This table displays the participation rate in English/Language Arts and Mathematics based on the PARCC assessments. Data show the number of students eligible to take the assessment (student count), the number of students who participated in the assessment (participation count), and the percentage of those students participating (participation rate) for 2017.