Superintendents/Principals to Educators

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

Parents to receive score reports that identify a student’s academic strengths and areas for improvement

Parents will soon receive student score reports that detail how their students performed on last spring’s statewide assessments, including CMAS tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies. It will be our collective job to remind parents that the tests represent just one measure of a student’s progress. I will be encouraging parents to speak with their teachers to gather a complete picture of their student’s achievement.

While we all understand that the scores are just one measure of students’ progress, they are an important one because the statewide assessments are the only common measurement for all students. The score reports explain whether a student is meeting grade-level expectations and whether he or she is on track for college and/or a career. The reports also allow parents to compare their student’s progress with other students across the state.

You can use the score reports as a discussion guide with parents about what additional supports can help their students succeed. The reports also can help parents understand where to focus learning time at home.

Please remind older students and their parents that the Khan Academy offers voluntary, optional and free practice resources for the PSAT and SAT, including practice paper tests, a daily practice app and a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, students can get connections to scholarship providers, access to online college and career planning tools and feedback to support opportunities for rigorous coursework.

CDE has created tools to help parents understand the tests. Handouts in both English and Spanish include FAQs about the tests, a guide to understanding the score reports and explainers about the SAT and PSAT. All of the resources can be found at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/resourcesforparents>.