



Middletown Public Schools

John Hennelly, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Enclosed with this letter are your child's Connecticut Mastery Test results from this past March. Outlined in your child's report are indicators in mathematics, reading, writing, and – at grades 5 and 8 – science. Performance in each of these areas was assessed on a five-level scale, from below basic to advanced. We are pleased with our students' overall improvement, especially with their improved reading achievement.

Please keep in mind that these assessments are very rigorous. They include multiple measures of achievement in each of the three areas. If you wish to look at CMT performance for Middletown and other districts, you may find a visit to www.ctreports.com helpful. Also, you may want to look at the state department's publication, "Understanding Your Child's Scores on the CMT" at http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/assessment/cmt/cmt_gen4_resources.htm to learn more about purpose, content, and history of the tests. If you do not have Internet access and wish to receive more information, please ask your child's school to print and send you a copy of this document.

Again, this year's grades 3-8 teachers are looking very closely at our students' performance on this past March's CMTs so that they can plan instruction that best suits their educational needs. Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed report, please contact your child's teacher(s) or me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Principal)

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