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Dear Parents and Guardians of District 163:

This is to inform you that your child will be participating in the PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers test. The PARCC test will be administered **May 5th through June 6th** to all of the students in your child's classroom. This assessment has been planned as a field test to assist the State of Illinois in gathering information regarding the proposed computer-based tests in reading, math, and writing that are slated to be administered to all Illinois students in 2014. While we will not receive your child's results for this test this year, we are confident that the exposure will benefit students as we prepare them for the actual test which will be administered next year.

Attached please find a letter from Dr. Christopher Koch, Illinois State Superintendent of Schools, explaining the assessment process. Additionally, for more information regarding PARCC you can access our District website at www.sd163.com and click on PARCC Information for Parents.

As we work together to prepare our students for rigorous assessment, please be reminded that reading to your children and assisting with homework remain the most influential activities parents can do to ensure school success for their children. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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Att: Frequently Asked Questions: PARCC

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