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SPECIAL MESSAGE

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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

I would like to share the Smarter Balanced Assessment results which were released yesterday. This communication is intended to provide you a brief summary of how our students performed. The charts provided in this communication reflect how Avon students performed as compared to the districts with whom we are generally compared.

I am very pleased to recognize all of our teachers for preparing our students so well for these assessments as well as the many other forms of assessments used to determine student proficiencies in the district's curriculum and beyond.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment is aligned to the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics State Standards. Overall scores in ELA and Mathematics are reported in scale-score units. Within the scale-score range, there are four performance levels: Level 1 – Does Not Meet, Level 2 – Approaching, Level 3 – Meets, and Level 4 – Exceeds. The percent of Avon students who scored at Level 3 or above in ELA and Mathematics are shown in the charts below along with the State percent of students who scored at Level 3 or above.

**Avon Public Schools
Smarter Balanced Assessment Results 2015-16**

English Language Arts/Literacy

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Avon Percent Level 3 or Above	State Percent Level 3 or Above
3	236	78%	54%
4	218	83%	56%
5	273	78%	59%
6	275	84%	55%
7	267	84%	55%
8	271	80%	56%

Mathematics

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Avon Percent Level 3 or Above	State Percent Level 3 or Above
3	236	76%	53%
4	218	77%	48%
5	273	63%	41%
6	275	76%	41%
7	268	83%	42%
8	271	77%	40%

Detailed below are a few comparisons of how our students' results ranked among other districts in the Farmington Valley and the highest performing districts in District Reference Groups A and B.

English Language Arts/Literacy						Mathematics					
Grade	Avon	Canton	Farmington	Simsbury	State	Grade	Avon	Canton	Farmington	Simsbury	State
3	78%	75%	83%	79%	54%	3	76%	83%	79%	74%	53%
4	83%	77%	82%	82%	56%	4	77%	70%	78%	66%	48%
5	78%	71%	79%	84%	59%	5	63%	60%	70%	70%	41%
6	84%	79%	76%	82%	55%	6	76%	67%	64%	66%	41%
7	84%	72%	75%	76%	55%	7	83%	62%	74%	58%	42%
8	80%	71%	77%	81%	56%	8	77%	62%	72%	73%	40%

DRG A & B -- ELA/Literacy	
Average Grade 3-8	
Darien	86.9%
New Canaan	83.3%
Easton	83.0%
Ridgefield	82.3%
Westport	82.2%
Trumbull	81.7%
Guilford	81.7%
Avon	81.1%
Simsbury	80.5%
Woodbridge	80.1%

DRG A & B -- Mathematics	
Average Grade 3-8	
Darien	81.7%
New Canaan	79.1%
Easton	76.5%
Trumbull	76.3%
Avon	75.2%
Glastonbury	74.6%
Westport	74.4%
Redding	74.0%
Farmington	72.5%
Weston	71.8%

As soon as we receive the individual student reports they will be disseminated to families with a more detailed description of the Smarter Balanced Assessment and information on how to interpret the scores.

I thank you again for the privilege of serving you and your children. Please accept my best wishes for a great upcoming school year.

Very truly yours,

Gary

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