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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Milestones) was developed by the Georgia Department of Education to assess students' success on understanding and applying their knowledge of Georgia's curriculum standards. In spring 2019, students in grades 3-8 were tested with Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) assessments in Language Arts and Mathematics; students in Grades 5 and 8 were also tested with assessments in Science and Social Studies.

Provisions now incorporated into State law require that all students in these grades be tested each year using this type of instrument. Milestones scores are reported based on pre-defined Achievement Levels. Score ranges are used to place students in four categories of achievement: *Beginning Learner*, *Developing Learner*, *Proficient Learner* and *Distinguished Learner*. Definitions of these Achievement Levels can be found on the student's score report.

Your child's student report from the spring 2019 administration is attached. This report indicates your child's success on mastering the curriculum standards for content areas identified on the report. The School Board and I are proud of the accomplishments of our students and teachers in achieving the goal of improved student achievement; and we will continue our efforts to offer the children of Cherokee County an internationally competitive education.

With implementation of Georgia's College and Career Performance Index (CCRPI), it is imperative for the success of our schools that all parents work with the School District to ensure students attend school and are working to master the standards. Teachers will use data related to student performance on State standards to inform instruction for the next school year. If you have any questions after reviewing the attached report, please contact your child's teacher or counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dr. Brian V. Hightower'.

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