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Dr. William C. Hardin, Superintendent

Dear Parents,

You will receive your child's Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment results on December 9, 2015. The 2014-2015 school year was the first year for the Georgia Milestones Assessment System. As expected, student achievement levels are lower across the state. Lower scores do not mean teachers, administrators or students are not doing a good job. It means that Georgia has raised the bar for academic performance. A comparison with school systems across the state shows that Camden's students outperformed their peers in nearly every grade and content area.

Increasing expectations will be a positive for Georgia students, as our graduates will be better prepared for college and careers. With these results, Georgia now has a baseline that provides information necessary to ensure our instructional programs are preparing students to compete and be successful in a more competitive world.

Here are a few details to consider when reviewing your child's Georgia Milestones scores:

- The Georgia Milestones and CRCT are not comparable. They are completely different tests.
- We expected scores to be lower than we have seen in the past due to the increased rigor of the test.
- Lower test scores do not mean students aren't learning, but reflect higher achievement expectations.
- Georgia Milestones is a more demanding test requiring students to respond to open ended items in ELA and math and includes a writing component at every grade level.
- Test scores and test reports will look different than previous CRCT reports.
- There are four achievement levels with Georgia Milestones: Beginning Learner, Developing Learner, Proficient Learner, and Distinguished Learner. (There were three levels on the CRCT.) Full explanations of each achievement level appear on the student score reports.

We hope this information has been beneficial and we look forward to working together to use these results to help your child reach his/her highest potential.

More information concerning Georgia Milestones, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at the CCS website: [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us)

Sincerely,  
Tawana Tucker  
Director of Student Services

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