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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents/Guardians

FROM: Dr. Michele Walker, Director
Office of Student Assessment

DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: Student Test Results: ISTEP+ Spring 2015

Results of your student's ISTEP+ Spring 2015 test will be released through the Indiana Parent Network on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. The Invitation Code you received last fall from the test vendor, CTB, will enable you to see the results of your student's ISTEP+ test in the Indiana Parent Network. If you misplaced the Invitation Code, your student's school will be able to access the code beginning on January 6 to assist you.

The Spring 2015 version of ISTEP+ measured student progress on the new college- and career-ready Indiana Academic Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. These standards, which were first taught during the 2014-15 school year, represent higher-level thinking skills and are more challenging for students. The results of the new ISTEP+ test reflect an increase in expectations regarding students' knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Because the 2015 ISTEP+ was the first state assessment to be based on Indiana's new, more rigorous college and career ready standards, these scores are not comparable to previous pass rates. The 2015 ISTEP+ results instead established a new baseline for student progress towards college and career ready benchmarks.

If you have questions regarding ISTEP+ results, please contact your student's school for assistance.