

Insert School Letter Head Here

[Insert Date]

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child participated in the WIDA ACCESS in the [insert school year] school year. This statewide proficiency assessment is for English Learner (EL) students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. WIDA ACCESS provides a standardized measurement of academic language proficiency for EL students throughout the state of Montana. This information helps teachers understand your child's language needs so that they can provide the best instruction possible.

Enclosed you will find your child's results on the WIDA ACCESS assessment. The Individual Student Report provides information about your child's English Language Proficiency Level. **In Montana, students who receive an Overall Composite Score of 4.7 or higher are considered proficient in academic English and can exit the program, however, will continue to receive EL services and supports to ensure that academic success and achievement are maintained.** This information is for you to review and keep.

This annual statewide proficiency assessment for ELs provides critical information about student learning, but no single assessment should ever be the sole factor in making an educational decision. It is important to remember that statewide assessments provide only one measure of student learning, but when combined with grades, classroom activities, unit quizzes and tests, and district-level assessments, the WIDA ACCESS statewide proficiency assessment can help provide a complete picture of your child's abilities over the course of the school year and path toward academic success on these content standards.

To see how our school is performing over time and compared to other schools in Montana, visit the state's longitudinal data warehouse ([GEMS](#)) or visit [Montana's Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\) Report Card Information for Families website](#).

If you have any questions regarding this test or the information that is being sent to you, or to see if you can obtain a copy translated into your home language, please contact the school. Additionally, you can find further information on how test scores are used, the scores on your child's report and their meaning, among other score report components using the WIDA resource: [WIDA ACCESS – Understanding Your Child's Scores](#).

We appreciate your partnership in helping [Insert School] fulfill the state requirement for statewide assessments and supporting your child to do his/her best.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about statewide testing this year. Questions can be directed to [School Contact] at [Contact Information].

Sincerely,

[Principal's Name]