

VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Vernon Public Schools Parents /Guardians,

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has released the 2013 School and District Performance Reports, which are scorecards that inform parents and communities on the overall performance of schools and districts according to their results on the state mandated Connecticut Mastery Test and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test, which were administered in the spring of 2013. You are receiving this letter in accordance with Federal guidelines associated with the receipt of Title I funding for schools in our district.

The State uses results from the CMT and CAPT report to create the School Performance Index (SPI) and the District Performance Index for every school and district in the state. The Spring 2013 administration of the CMT and CAPT was the final year of this particular generation of tests as the State transitions to a new series of assessments known as SBAC, which are aligned to the Common Core of State Standards. In the future, the SPI and DPI will be calculated using results from these new assessments.

This is the first year that all schools statewide received one of the six following classifications: Excelling, Progressing, Transitioning, Review, Focus or Turnaround as compared to prior years with three categories. In 2012-13 more than two-thirds of Connecticut schools earned a Progressing or Transitioning classification. Vernon schools continue to show growth in state testing as all schools are achieving in the Progressing or Transitioning bands. The full report for your school is attached as well as the "Guide for Parents" state publication. For further information you may visit <http://www.sde.ct.gov>.

Vernon Public Schools continues to examine the growth and progress of our students using multiple measures beyond state testing as we seek to meet the needs of all of our students.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 860-870-6000, or your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey E. Burt', written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey E. Burt
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