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Dear Parent:

In April 2011, your child took part in the West Virginia Test for English Language Learners (WESTELL). WESTELL is an assessment that measures student' English Language Proficiency as identified within the West Virginia English Language Proficiency Standards.

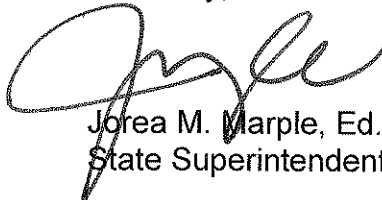
The WESTELL Student Report is provided to give you a better understanding of your child's performance on the WESTELL. In working with your child's teacher and school, you can use this information to build on strengths that your child possesses and work on skills where improvement is needed.

The test results are not a part of the school's grading system and will not appear on your child's report card. However, the WESTELL scores do become a part of each student's permanent record.

The attached *Informational Sheet* outlines descriptions of each test. **If you have questions about these results or you need further information, please contact the school or your child's teacher.**

The West Virginia Department of Education is dedicated to the academic success of each student in West Virginia. Thank you for your efforts and support in the education of your child.

Sincerely,



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State Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

Informational Sheet

WESTELL: Description of TESTS

The WESTELL is the English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) that West Virginia uses to measure the growth of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students' English proficiency. It measures growth of K-12 students in the domains of:

- Listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension

In addition, it also yields a composite score that represents the overall level of the student. The WESTELL (ELDA) has five levels of proficiency:

- Level 1 – Pre-functional
- Level 2 – Beginner
- Level 3 – Intermediate
- Level 4 – Advanced
- Level 5 – Fully English Proficient

This assessment helps determine students' English language development and better prepares them to function in mainstream content classrooms. WESTELL (ELDA) is a test of English proficiency, not of academic content. Therefore, there are no content areas or prior knowledge requirements to score well on WESTELL (ELDA).