May 11, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you are aware, the State Board of Education (SBOE) requires that the GA Milestones End of Grade Assessment (formerly the CRCT) results be used to determine promotion in the 3rd, 5th and 8th grades. Specifically, students in 3rd grade must pass the English Language Arts/Reading test, and students in 5th and 8th grades must pass the ELA/Reading and Math tests to be promoted. Because of technical difficulties due to online testing that were experienced across the state during the Milestones End of Grade Assessment, the State Board of Education has waived the use of these scores as a requirement for districts in determining promotion/retention. Districts have the ability to decide whether or not to use the test scores for promotion purposes.

Please know that in Tattnall County we will NOT use the End of Grade scores to determine promotion or retention this year in grades 3, 5, and 8. We will also NOT subject our students to a retest for this test. In order to determine promotion, we will continue to follow our traditional method based on the Tattnall County Board of Education Policy IHE, which states we will consider teacher recommendation based on course grades.

Once we receive the individual student scores for the Milestone End of Grade Assessment, we will send those to you. Should you have questions or concerns about End of Grade Assessment or your student’s scores, please do not hesitate to call your child’s school.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent