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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2003, the provincial and territorial ministers of education, through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), agreed to undertake the development of the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) to assess the knowledge and skills of students across Canada in the core subjects of reading, mathematics, and science. In each PCAP assessment, one of the three subjects is the primary domain while the other two are the minor domains. The primary domain was reading in 2007 and mathematics in 2010. The reports for these assessments are available on the CMEC Web site (www.cmec.ca).

For the third assessment in 2013, science is the primary domain, and mathematics and reading are the minor domains. In order to assure the validity of PCAP-2013, field-testing of the items was carried out in spring 2012 in a select number of schools. Classes of Grade 8 students will be selected for the assessment in order to minimize disruption within the school. PCAP is administered by school staff and will take place between April 29 and May 24, 2013.

New Brunswick is participating in the PCAP-2013 assessment.

In New Brunswick, 78 schools have been selected to participate in this pan-Canadian assessment. In each of these schools, Grade 8 classes have been randomly selected to participate.

The pan-Canadian summary report of the assessment results will be published in early 2014. With regard to confidentiality, please be aware that no results by school board/district, school, or student will be published. The results will be published only on pan-Canadian and provincial/territorial levels for both language groups. Therefore, this assessment will not affect your child's classroom marks or report card.

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in PCAP-13.

Sincerely,

Greg Norton
Principal

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of ourselves, others, and our community."