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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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The instruction that Auburn-Washburn students are receiving has never been more rigorous or relevant. We support the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards because they address the critical thinking and complex skills needed to prepare today's students for success in college and careers. In creating these standards, teachers within the district and across the state set high expectations. They also accepted the challenge to meet those expectations.

The enclosed report summarizes your student's results of the State Assessment given during the spring of 2016. The state tests are an important guide for us in the continuous improvement of instruction for each student, school, and the district overall. This is the second year of the new assessment; given in a new format, and representing the increased rigor of the new standards.

Student performance was scored using four levels. Level 1 indicates that a student is not performing at grade level standards, and additional supports are needed. Level 2 indicates that the student is doing grade-level work as defined by the standards but not at the depth or level of rigor to be considered on-track for college readiness. Level 3 indicates that the student is performing at academic expectations for that grade level and is on track to being college ready. Level 4 indicates that the student is performing above expectations for that grade level and is on track to being college ready.

You can find the 2016 Parent Guide: Understanding the Kansas Assessment Program Score Report on the Auburn Washburn district website at www.usd437.net. This guide will describe your student's score report in detail. If you have specific questions about your student's report, please reach out to your student's principal.

We value our partnership with parents, and we thank you for being a part of your student's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott McWilliams".

Dr. Scott McWilliams,
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