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Dear SPS Parent(s),

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), in collaboration with local school divisions, now offers parents access to their child's Standards of Learning (SOL) test performance history through the Student Assessment Summary (SAS) report. This report provides detailed information on a student's SOL testing patterns, which can help identify areas where additional educational support may be beneficial or highlight opportunities for advanced learning. When used alongside a student's school-level information and 2024 SOL test results, the SAS report offers valuable context for meaningful discussions with teachers and school staff about the student's educational progress.

The SAS report includes specific details and visual representations, such as graphs and charts, to illustrate your child's SOL test performance. Below, you will find helpful tips to assist in interpreting and understanding the overall SAS report.

Understanding the Student Assessment Summary Report:

- What does the line graph show?
 - The line graph shows your student's state percentile for each completed Standards of Learning (SOL) test. The graph summarizes how your student performed in comparison to other students across the state on the same test in a specific year.
 - The Student Assessment Summary Report is offering families and school personnel the ability to see SOL test comparison information for the first time.
 - The line graph can show you trends in your student's SOL test performance at a point in time or in a specific subject. Look to see if your student's state percentiles are in an upward trending, downward trending, or showing consistency over several years.

- What does the chart explain about your student's SOL test performance?
 - The chart shows your student's state percentile and the SOL performance level for each completed test. It also lists the SOL test name under each grade level.
 - The performance level indicates if your student earned a passing or failing score.
 - Passing (Pass/Proficient and Pass/Advanced) indicates your student met or exceeded expectations for proficiency on the test and demonstrated a level of mastery of the content.
 - A failing performance level (Fail, Fail/Basic, Fail/Below Basic) indicates your student did not meet the minimum expectations for proficiency on the test and would benefit from additional instruction.

- Reviewing several years of testing history may assist in determining content areas of strength or areas where additional support is needed.
- What patterns should I see while viewing the report?
 - A student's patterns can be upward trending, downward trending, or showing consistency across state percentiles as seen in the line graph.
 - The chart will identify the performance level of each SOL test in each grade allowing you to see trends in the performance levels of Fail/Basic, Pass/Proficient, or Pass/Advanced.
 - View the **Elementary School Sample** of a 5th Grader which includes SOL tests from 3rd – 4th grade to learn more about interpreting the report.
 - View the **Middle School Sample** of an 8th Grader which includes SOL tests from 3rd – 7th grade to learn more about interpreting the report.
 - View the **High School Sample** of a 12th Grader which includes SOL tests from 5th – 11th grade to learn more about interpreting the report.
 - All samples are available at the following link: [Virginia Department of Education - VVAAS Parent Resources](#).
- What are the next steps I could take if I have questions?
 - For any questions regarding your student's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher or school administrator.

Respectfully,

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