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Dear Parent(s):

This letter is being mailed to all parents of third, fifth and eighth grade students in the Fulton County School System to share the promotion requirements in Georgia. Your child is required to pass a state test in order to be promoted to the next grade level. According to the law:

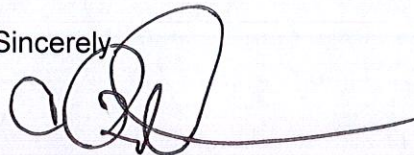
- Third grade students must score on or above grade level on the reading component of the English/Language Arts Georgia Milestones in order to be promoted to fourth grade.
- Fifth grade students are required to perform on or above grade level on the reading component of the English/Language Arts test and at or above the Developing Learner level in mathematics on the Georgia Milestones in order to be promoted to sixth grade.
- Eighth grade students are required to perform on or above grade level on the reading component of the English/Language Arts test and at or above the Developing Learner level in mathematics on the Georgia Milestones in order to be promoted to ninth grade.
- Third, fifth and eighth grade students who do not take the state-adopted assessment in grades 3, 5, and 8 in reading and/or mathematics on any of the designated testing date(s) will result in the student being retained. The option of the parent or guardian or teacher(s) to appeal the decision to retain the student shall follow the procedure set forth in the state rule.

We encourage you to be aware of the law and to help your child be successful in his/her academic studies. Fulton County teachers and schools have been working with students to prepare for these mandated tests which will be administered in April, 2017. We fully expect that most Fulton County students will meet or exceed the minimum requirements. For those who do not, we will provide additional assistance and the opportunity to be retested.

We will give you more information about the promotion tests throughout the year. You may also read the official rule at <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-2-.11.pdf>.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading or math performance, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,



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