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*A Walk in the PARCC aims to provide all those with an interest in the Madison Public Schools with the latest information about the Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessments.*

## District PARCC Results to be Announced

At the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Matthew Mingle, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will announce the district-level results of PARCC testing. A copy of this presentation will be posted to the district website the next day and details from the results will be included in the December issue of *A Walk in the PARCC*.

Individual student score reports will be mailed home beginning on December 9. The student results will be sent with a cover letter with background information about PARCC and a document that will help parents interpret the results.

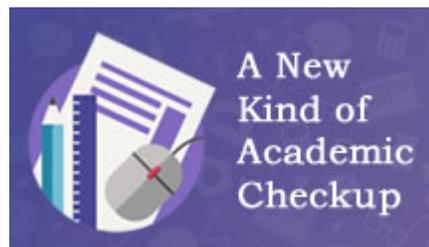
On November 3, Mr. Mingle presented a report on how to prepare for the PARCC results. That presentation can be viewed at [www.madisonpublischools.org](http://www.madisonpublischools.org). This presentation contains information about how the district prepared and implemented PARCC in 2014-15, changes coming for this year's testing, and details about how the PARCC results can and should be used.

PARCC has established a one-stop [parent resource center](#). This site contains information about PARCC assessments, guidance for reading and utilizing the individual student score report, and links to resources that can assist parents in supporting their children's learning at home.

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## National PTA President Promotes New Resource

Laura Bay, president of the National Parent Teacher Association, spent time this month speaking about new resources from PARCC that are designed to help parents support their children's continued learning at home. Specifically, Mrs. Bay promoted [UnderstandtheScore.org](http://UnderstandtheScore.org), a website designed to help parents understand the PARCC score report and use the information contained in it to help their children succeed.



Article adapted from "National PTA President Promotes Understand the Score," published at [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org)

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## 2016 PARCC Testing Schedule Released

### Elementary Schools

*Testing will last between 60 and 90 minutes each day.*

English Language Arts – April 14, 15, 18

Mathematics – April 19, 20, 21, 22

### Madison Junior School

English Language Arts – May 2, 3, 4

May 2, 3 – 110 minutes

May 4 – 90 minutes

Mathematics – May 5, 6

May 5 – 160 minutes

May 6 – 80 minutes

### Madison High School

*Testing will last between 90 and 110 minutes each day.*

English Language Arts – April 25, 26, 27

Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) – May 16, 17, 18

Please note that students with modifications that require paper-based testing may have an altered testing schedule due to state requirements regarding paper-based testing.

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## PARCC Introduces New Testing Options

This month, PARCC announced new options for states to choose from when using PARCC assessment components as part of its state assessment system. New Jersey currently uses the full PARCC system, which includes the Pearson technology platform. A new feature allows the New Jersey Department of Education to customize the test and add state-developed items if it so chooses.

The other new options include:

- Using the PARCC test blueprint and content with another technology vendor
- Using PARCC content in another test blueprint
- Using individual PARCC items in an a la carte fashion

There have not been any announcements yet from the New Jersey Department of Education related to these new options from PARCC.

*Article adapted from “PARCC Introduces New Testing Options for More States,” published at [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org)*

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## What Do You Think?

“A Walk in the PARCC” is designed to keep the entire Madison learning community informed as we transition to new educational standards and assessments. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey to guide the development of future newsletters.

The survey can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/AWalkInTheParcc>.

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