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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In a few days you will receive the results of your child's 2017 Spring test scores. I want to prepare each of you for what is about to take place. In the past, students who scored at the advanced or proficient levels, will now be in the unsatisfactory or limited knowledge levels. One reason for this change is that in 2017 all of Oklahoma schools were faced with new standards and along with those new standards came a new test for all students. The Spring 2017 test is now the baseline. It cannot be compared to previous years' tests, as it was the first time taken by our students. The standards are more challenging, which in turn, makes the test more challenging.

The results of this test, in no way, show how much your child learned last year, nor, does it take into consideration the quality of teaching that your child received. We will use the results as a way to improve our instruction in an effort to assist your child in becoming successful on the 2018 tests.

As the Superintendent, I've never been a fan of state testing to determine mastery of state standards. It's a snapshot of one day and doesn't take into consideration outside influences on a child's life that may have adversely affected that student on that day. However, since the state puts the importance of this test very high then we will look at each one closely to determine what direction is best for the students of Allen Bowden.

In closing, what I want to tell you is, please, don't put a lot of stock into what you will see as far as results. We will continue to work hard and do what's best for our kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Husted".

Mr. Kelly Husted, Superintendent