Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In February, students in Ankeny Schools took the Iowa Assessments, a series of tests measuring important aspects of the Iowa Core Standards. Enclosed in your mailing, you will find the results of your student’s Iowa Assessments. General descriptions of the tests can be found online at http://itp.education.uiowa.edu/IA/TestDescriptions.aspx

Included are three reports: 1) the Individual narrative report; 2) a Mathematics Performance Summary; and 3) a Reading Performance Summary.

The Iowa Assessments provide the following data:

- **National Standard Score (NSS)** - This score describes performance on an achievement continuum from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The NSS allows you to monitor your student’s growth and compare performance from year to year. The NSS is also used in Iowa to determine your student’s level of proficiency in reading, mathematics and science. An explanation of the levels of proficiency can be found at http://itp.education.uiowa.edu/ia/documents/Proficient.pdf

- **National Percentile Rank (NPR)** - This score describes the relative comparison of your student’s performance to other students in the nation who are in the same grade and were tested at the same time of year. For example, a percentile ranking of 75 would mean that your student scored higher on the assessment than 75% of students in the national comparison group.

Ankeny Schools has provided video and additional documents to help you interpret your student’s scores on the Iowa Assessments. These items are available through an announcement on the home page of the district website at www.ankenyschools.org. **It is highly recommended that you review the information at the website** to help you read and understand your student’s scores on the test.

Please keep in mind the results of these tests provide a snapshot of your student’s achievement at the time the tests were given and do not reflect the full profile of your student as a learner. At Ankeny Schools we collect multiple data points over the course of the school year that, when coupled with Iowa Assessment scores, provide a more comprehensive view of your student’s growth and achievement. The Iowa Assessments, however, are an indicator of your student’s current level of achievement.

If you have questions, please contact your student’s teacher and/or building principal.