

# KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS

ANDREW JOHNSON BUILDING

*Dr. James P. McIntyre Jr., Superintendent*



May 21, 2014

Dear Parents and Family Members:

The Tennessee Department of Education notified school districts across the state late on Tuesday (May 20<sup>th</sup>) that the delivery of TCAP “quick scores” will be delayed. As a result, we will not be able to provide report cards to students in grades 3-8 on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Teachers will complete preliminary grade calculations this week, and report cards for students in grades 3-8 will be mailed to parents the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tennessee state law requires that scores from the TCAP achievement test be included as a percentage of the second semester grade for students in grades 3-8. However, the Knox County Schools has applied to the Tennessee Department of Education for a waiver from this statutory requirement for the current school year, due to the delay in publishing quick scores.

If the waiver is granted, preliminary grades in report cards sent out next week will become the final grades. If the waiver is not granted, teachers will make appropriate adjustments to the preliminary grades based on TCAP score results when they come back to school in August.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this delay of state assessment information may cause. Please contact your school principal if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James P. McIntyre, Jr." with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. James P. McIntyre, Jr.

Superintendent