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To: Confluence Charter Schools staff
From: Dr. Candice-Carter Oliver, CEO
Date: September 1, 2017
Re: 2017 End-of-Course scores

As some of you may know, each year Missouri students, typically in grades 9 to 12, although some of our students begin in grade 8, take tests in some key courses in order to track student achievement. This testing measures student performance in Algebra I, English II, Biology and Government. In 2017, these tests were conducted by Missouri's testing vendor, Questar. The results of these tests form the basis for measuring school districts and state performance as a whole—in essence, they are an important measure of how well we are educating our students.

On Wednesday, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced that the End-of-Course scores for 2017 in Algebra I and English II were not conducted in a way that can give us accurate year-over-year comparisons. Specifically, DESE discovered that Questar's data will not produce the year-to-year comparison data that we all need, and that Questar is supposed to provide.

DESE has said that they will not release results from these particular tests. They have not yet announced a timeline for releasing the results of the Biology and Government testing, though they have given us no reason to believe that these results are in question.

We do not yet fully know what impact, if any, this situation will have on our Confluence community but we are tracking this closely and I will keep you apprised as we learn more. The statement from DESE is attached.

As always, thank you for your support and dedication to the students and families of Confluence Charter Schools.