



August 6, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

House Bill 244 was passed by the legislature and signed by the governor in the spring of 2013. HB 244 is the law that guides school districts on the necessary components of school leader and teacher evaluation instruments. Included for the first time in this law is a measurement to account for student learning growth that occurs in a course or grade.

The Cobb County School District will implement Student Learning Objective (SLO) Assessments during the 2015-2016 school year. These assessments consist of a pre-test in August/September and a post-test in April/May. Due West students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be taking an SLO assessment for math the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the Advanced Learning Program (ALP) will be taking an SLO assessment for gifted the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is a Student Learning Objective (SLO)?**

SLOs are subject-specific learning objectives that provide growth measures for student learning. Teams of Cobb County teachers from throughout the district developed the SLO assessments that we will administer this spring.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the SLO implementation requires teachers to use assessments to determine student growth over the course of the year. The results of these assessments ensure that students, teachers, and schools are moving toward a common vision of exemplary instruction and high levels of student academic growth.

Sincerely,

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