

## New MEAP Cut Scores

Results of the Fall 2011 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Testing for students in grades 3-9 will be released soon! Each year principals, teachers, parents, and students anxiously await the testing results. As we anticipate the publication of Centreville's MEAP Scores, we would like you to be aware of recent changes in the scoring of the tests.

### **Cut Scores:**

Scores for all state tests are reported in ranges called Performance levels. The State uses four performance ranges for MEAP and Michigan Merit Exam (MME) Tests: Advanced, Proficient, Partially Proficient, and Not Proficient. A cut score is the point on the scale that separates one performance level from another.

Beginning with Fall 2011 tests, the state has established new cut scores. The new cut scores represent student achievement relative to being "on track to career- and college-readiness in high school" and "on-track to proficiency in the next grade for grades 3-9." The old cut scores represented a more basic level of achievement. As a result, the new cut scores are noticeably higher than the previous cut scores and will result in lower student and district scores.

For example:

- In 2010, 95% of Centreville's third grade students scored at the proficient levels on the MEAP Mathematics Test. When the new cut scores are used, our 95% proficient results are reduced to 32% proficient.
- In 2010, 90% of Centreville's seventh grade students scored at the proficient levels on the MEAP Reading Test. When the new cut scores are used, our 90% proficient results are reduced to 62% proficient.
- Third grade students, who received a scaled score of 327 on last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MEAP Mathematics Test, received an Advanced, or Level 1 score. A student scoring 327 on the 2011 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MEAP Mathematics Test, will receive a Partially Proficient, or Level 3 Score.
- Fourth grade students who received a scaled score of 400 on last year's 4<sup>th</sup> grade MEAP Reading Test, received a Proficient, or Level 2 Score. A student scoring 400 on the 2011 4<sup>th</sup> grade MEAP Reading Test will receive a Partially Proficient or Level 3 Score.
- Eighth Grade students who received an 800 on last year's Grade 8 MEAP Science Test, received a Proficient, or Level 2 score. Eighth grade students scoring 800 on the 2011 MEAP Science test will receive a Not Proficient, or Level 4 Score.

Individual student results will be shared with parents as soon as they are received and may be released. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Stauffer at 467-4200 or Mr. Kirby at 467-5210 if you have any questions regarding MEAP Test results.