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PRESS RELEASE
RIDGEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CMT/CAPT 2012 RESULTS - INITIAL SUMMARY – July 20, 2012

State Testing — Results of the 2012 administration of the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) indicate that Ridgefield's students continue to perform well above the Connecticut averages on state tests. Relative to last year's student performance, the district saw mostly ups on the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and both ups and downs on the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT).

Elementary Results: Compared with the previous results, scores reflect overall improvements—some considerable. Math results in grades three and four both increased more than five percentage points. Reading in grades four and five both improved by more than or close to six percentage points. Our third graders' writing result reflected a significant improvement over the 2011 performance, and fourth and fifth grade results showed modest improvements. Our fifth grade science scores have increased steadily since 2008. In fact, this year was the first in which the percentage of students at/above goal exceeded 90%. Overall, Ridgefield compared favorably with our DRG A peers on all but our third grade reading scores, as can be seen in the color coded charts below.

Middle School Results: The middle schools' scores continue to reflect strong performances across the board. In all disciplines except science (grade 8 only), 90% (or very close to 90%) of our middle school students met or exceeded the at-goal performance level. Our seventh grade writing scores were almost at the 90% level—the difference between 90% and the 2012 at/above-goal performance level of 89.5% represents only 2.15 students! With the exceptions of our seventh grade math and our eighth grade science scores, Ridgefield's performance hovered around the DRG A average.

High School Results: On all but the reading results, this year's CAPT scores are at or above the average of the DRG. We see improvements in both writing and science over last year's results. Although our Math scores decreased, so did those of students throughout the state, including those of our DRG A peers; thus, Ridgefield's performance was at the DRG A average for mathematics. Our reading scores remained the same as in 2011

In summary, most of our CMT scores from year to year. We are above the DRG A average more often than in prior years. One important point to mention is that more students than ever have scored in the Advanced band on the CMTs. You will see this visually when the comprehensive analysis of the test results is completed in our annual testing report presented to the Board of Education in the fall.

The color-coded charts below provide the following overviews:
Chart 1: 2012 CMT and CAPT results
Chart 2: 5-Year Performance Results (CMT and CAPT)
Chart 3: 2012 DRG A CMT Results
Chart 4: 2012 DRG A CAPT Results

Following is the code used for the colors in the charts below:

Dark red = 70% - 74.9	Orange = 80% - 84.9%	Green = 90% - 94.9%
Red = 75% - 79.9%	Blue = 85% - 89.9%	Purple = 95% – 100%

Chart 1: 2012 CMT and CAPT RESULTS

RIDGEFIELD 2012 CMT RESULTS—PERCENTAGES AT/ABOVE GOAL:				
Grade Level	**Math**	**Reading**	**Writing**	**Science**
Grade 3	**92.5**	**79.9**	**83**	
Grade 4	**93.6**	**88.8**	**86.3**	
Grade 5	**94.8**	**91.2**	**89.3**	**90.8**
Grade 6	**92.2**	**91**	**90**	
Grade 7	**90.1**	**94.9**	**89.5**	
Grade 8	**93**	**95.8**	**93.7**	**85.2**
RIDGEFIELD 2012 CAPT RESULTS:				
Grade Level	**Math**	**Reading**	**Writing**	**Science**
Grade 10	**83.7**	**81.0**	**93.9**	**80.0**

Chart 2: RIDGEFIELD FIVE-YEAR AT / ABOVE GOAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS:
CONNECTICUT MASTERY TESTS and
CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TESTS

	MATH					**READING**				
CMT / YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Grade 3	78.3	84.5	81.7	87.0	**92.5**	76.6	76.7	79.9	79.5	**79.9**
Grade 4	83.1	90.7	93.9	89.8	**93.6**	81.8	82.5	82.6	82.2	**88.8**
Grade 5	88.1	92.6	93.8	93.8	**94.8**	87.8	90.5	85.9	85.3	**91.2**
Grade 6	87.9	91.2	90.8	92.4	**92.2**	90.8	85.1	89.9	90.2	**91.0**
Grade 7	84.3	89.8	90.5	90.7	**90.1**	87.9	94.1	91.8	95.0	**94.9**
Grade 8	87.4	90.4	93.5	91.6	**93.0**	89.9	91.4	94.1	92.5	**95.8**
CAPT	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**
Grade 10	88.0	77.5	82.0	88.0	**83.7**	83.9	79.5	82.7	81.0	**81.0**

Chart 2 (continued)

	WRITING					SCIENCE				
CMT / YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**
Grade 3	88.1	81.4	74.7	78.3	**83.0**	NA	NA	NA	NA	**NA**
Grade 4	86.1	83.9	83.8	84.7	**86.3**	NA	NA	NA	NA	**NA**
Grade 5	87.6	86.1	90.8	86.0	**89.3**	83.4	82.5	87.2	88.4	**90.8**
Grade 6	87.3	80.6	89.7	90.2	**90.0**	NA	NA	NA	NA	**NA**
Grade 7	84.9	89.2	83.0	86.8	**89.5**	NA	NA	NA	NA	**NA**
Grade 8	88.1	90.5	89.6	87.2	**93.7**	83.7	88.0	89.0	85.1	**85.2**
CAPT	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**	2008	2009	2010	2011	**2012**
Grade 10	92.6	89.0	92.5	91.2	**93.9**	80.0	72.7	76.6	77.5	**80.0**

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Chart 3a: 2012 DRG A CMT Results: Math and Reading

DRG A RESULTS: MATH						
CMT 2012	**GR 3**	**GR 4**	**GR 5**	**GR 6**	**GR 7**	**GR 8**
Darien	86.4	90.5	92.5	94.5	94.3	95.3
Easton	92.9	89.1	94.2	87.0	91.8	88.2
New Canaan	94.9	95.4	90.2	89.7	90.3	91.3
Redding	92.9	95.0	89.3	90.7	94.8	96.7
Ridgefield	92.5	93.6	94.8	92.2	90.1	93.0
Weston	91.4	91.2	93.3	91.0	91.6	86.3
Westport	88.8	90.8	93.4	92.3	92.1	94.2
Wilton	84.1	87.0	93.9	93.7	91.6	92.3
DRG A Average	***90.5***	***91.6***	***92.6***	***91.4***	***92.1***	***92.2***
Ridgefield Rank	4th	3rd	1st	4th	7th	4th
Range between highest and lowest percentages	10.8	8.4	4.9	7.5	4.7	10.4
Total Number of Ridgefield Students Tested/Number of Ridgefield students = 1%	401 / 4	375 / 4	387 / 4	421 / 5	435 / 5	429 / 5
DRG A RESULTS: READING						
CMT 2012	**GR 3**	**GR 4**	**GR 5**	**GR 6**	**GR 7**	**GR 8**
Darien	80.7	82.9	86.7	92.2	95.4	94.8
Easton	84.8	82.7	87.5	83.1	94.0	97.5
New Canaan	89.1	93.0	87.8	89.4	97.6	93.1
Redding	84.1	91.5	85.6	92.7	93.6	98.7
Ridgefield	79.9	88.8	91.2	91.0	94.9	95.8
Weston	85.1	87.1	81.8	93.3	96.5	92.4
Westport	84.2	83.3	89.0	89.4	93.4	93.8
Wilton	86.2	86.1	90.9	93.4	97.6	96.1
DRG A Average	***84.3***	***86.9***	***87.6***	***90.6***	***95.4***	***95.3***
Ridgefield Rank	8th	3rd	1st	5th	5th	4th
Range between highest and lowest percentages	9.2	10.3	9.4	10.3	4.2	6.3
Total Number of Ridgefield Students Tested/Number of Ridgefield students = 1%	398 / 4	376 / 4	385 / 4	420 / 4.5	435 / 4.5	429 / 4.5

Note: The final row of this chart and the next two includes information about the total number of students tested and the number of students comprising 1% on the CMT performance score. At the elementary level, an increase of one percentage point equals four students. At the middle school level, an increase of one percentage point is the equivalent of four and one-half students. On the CAPT, the increase is equivalent to slightly less than five students. Thus, a differential of five percentage points between Ridgefield and the top position, for example, would represent 20 students at the elementary level, 23 students at the middle school level, and 25 students at the high school level.

Chart 3b: 2012 DRG A CMT Results: Writing and Science

DRG A RESULTS: WRITING						
CMT 2012	**GR 3**	**GR 4**	**GR 5**	**GR 6**	**GR 7**	**GR 8**
Darien	82.7	87.0	87.5	86.7	90.9	95.8
Easton	93.0	83.9	78.9	78.4	77.0	93.3
New Canaan	89.6	92.1	88.6	89.5	91.5	96.0
Redding	75.7	90.1	86.1	84.1	87.7	96.7
Ridgefield	83.0	86.3	89.3	90.0	89.5	93.7
Weston	75.9	86.5	80.5	88.6	89.7	91.5
Westport	83.2	84.2	89.1	90.8	88.2	94.9
Wilton	79.2	83.9	87.4	82.3	86.1	89.8
DRG A Average	***82.8***	***86.8***	***85.9***	***86.3***	***87.6***	***94.0***
Ridgefield Rank	4th	5th	1st	2nd	4th	5th
Range between highest and lowest percentages	17.3	8.2	10.4	12.4	14.5	6.9
Total Number of Ridgefield Students Tested/Number of Ridgefield students = 1%	400 / 4	379 / 4	392 / 4	422 / 4.5	437 / 4.5	431 / 4.5

DRG A RESULTS: SCIENCE		
CMT 2012	**GR 5**	**GR 8**
Darien	88.1	89.8
Easton	87.7	89.9
New Canaan	91.6	91.7
Redding	86.1	88.8
Ridgefield	**90.8**	**85.2**
Weston	89.6	84.4
Westport	86.8	87.4
Wilton	90.8	89
DRG A Average	***88.9***	***88.3***
Ridgefield Rank	3rd	7th
Range between highest and lowest percentages	8.4	8
Total Number of Ridgefield Students Tested/Number of Ridgefield students = 1%	391 / 4	431 / 4.5

Chart 4: DRG A COMPARISONS:
2012 CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST

2012 CAPT Results DRG A Town:	GRADE 10			
	Math	**Reading**	**Writing**	**Science**
Darien	82.5	75	90.9	73.1
New Canaan	83.8	88.9	93.2	78.9
Region 9	82.9	88.1	94	77.4
Ridgefield	83.7	81	93.9	80
Weston	84.5	86	93	83.4
Westport	86.1	83.7	91.5	79.6
Wilton	81.7	80.5	93.1	81.5
DRG A Average	***83.6***	***83.3***	***92.8***	***79.1***
Ridgefield Rank	***4th***	***5th***	***2nd***	***3rd***
Range between highest and lowest percentages	***4.4***	***13.9***	***3.1***	***10.3***
Total Number of Ridgefield Students Tested/Number of Ridgefield students = 1%	***455/5***	***456/5***	***457/5***	***458/5***

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