

Governor Carney's Statement on Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney released the following statement on the preliminary results of the 2017 administration of the Smarter Balanced assessment announced on Thursday by the Delaware Department of Education:

“With the help of educators across our state, more Delaware students are making real progress and are on the path to long-term success. There are bright spots in this data, and many schools have made notable gains. It’s clear that teachers and school leaders are making a real difference in the lives of kids across Delaware.

But the difficult truth remains that too many of our students in the City of Wilmington – our largest city and the economic and cultural engine of our state – are being left behind. That is something that we cannot allow to continue. We must do more to help our most disadvantaged students – those affected by poverty, stress, and trauma. As I have already made clear, I will continue to engage with stakeholders across Wilmington and statewide, and I intend to take real action to address this issue.”