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## Radney Elementary Hosts Parent Engagement Night

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Alexander City, AL - The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) released the outcome of the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) assessments in English Language Arts, Math, and Science given to students across the state this past spring. According to the press release issued by ALSDE, the outcomes statewide during Spring 2022 increased in the percentage of students scoring as proficient for all three content areas.

Alexander City Schools saw an increase in reading, math, and science. These increases in the percentage of students that scored proficient were seen in every subject and across all grade levels except 8th grade math. Eighth grade math had a decrease of one percentage point. The percentage of ACS students that scored proficient in English Language Arts, Math, and Science was higher than the statewide proficiency rate in all three content areas.

Our goal is to equip parents and students with the tools and resources to create comprehensive support systems that foster student success. ACS is making strides across the district to educate parents about their students' ACAP data to build capacity for parent engagement in student learning. Johanna Morgan, Principal of Radney Elementary School, hosted an Academic Parent-Teacher Team night to meet with parents to review and explain students' ACAP scores.

ACS uses iReady, an online program for reading and mathematics that helps teacher(s) determine students' needs, personalize their learning and monitor progress throughout the school year. The iReady curriculum aligns closely with ACAP testing. Teachers at Radney Elementary explained to parents the importance of understanding iReady assessments and how to use that information and identified pathways for student growth.

"We are excited about the parent turnout at our Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) night. I understand some barriers can make it difficult for parents to attend after-hours events at school. We had teachers on campus to provide childcare so that our parents could focus on

diving into data and understanding ways to implement partnerships through home-learning support for their students," explained Morgan. "We will host many similar events at Radney and hope each one is more successful than the last as more parents join us."

Superintendent of Alexander City Schools, Dr. Beverly Price, explained further stating, "At ACS we know the importance of family support in the learning process. We also understand that many times families are unaware of what we are doing in the classroom and how they can support the learning process. The Academic Parent Teacher Team nights are meant to empower family members with strategies they can use at home to supplement the learning that takes place in schools. We believe in working together to inspire hope and create pathways to success. The APTT night is one strategy that helps us achieve success."

At Alexander City Schools we want to see every child succeed. We believe in a collaborative approach to teaching and learning - school, home and community. As the 2022-23 school year progresses Alexander City Schools will continue to offer opportunities for parents and students to engage in the learning process.

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