



# Draper Notes

## **Communication to Superintendent Regarding FCAT Performance**

May 29, 2014

I read *The Arcadian* story on FCAT performance in DeSoto with interest this morning. You failed to reveal how DeSoto's performance at the third, fourth, eighth, and tenth grades ranked with other school districts in this state. As you know, it is horrible. This is hardly the time for celebration.

To quote *The Charlotte Sun* on May 24, 2014, *Scores for DeSoto County students included 44% and 43% on third grade reading and math, respectively - both a little better than the county did last year; and 28%, 25%, 38%, for fourth, eighth, and tenth grade writing - all down from the 2013 scores. All of DeSoto's numbers continue to fall below the state averages.*

With this being the last year for FCAT, the baseline data for the new assessment in 2015 will be a point of emphasis. Your board report on May 27, 2014, does not give an overall accurate picture of student testing performance in DeSoto. It was particularly disturbing that no information was reported by you on how student performance was going to improve.

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