

Castle Statement on Delaware State Testing Scores Released Today -- July 20, 2006

Washington, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle, co-author of No Child Left Behind and Chair of the Education Reform Subcommittee in Congress, which oversees K-12 education, today released the following statement regarding the Delaware State Testing Program scores:

"There is no doubt in my mind education reform and No Child Left Behind is working. We see it in these scores, especially in the areas where the achievement gap is closing, such as the math scores of our Delaware students, and we see it in the extra help and remediation students are getting in and out of school.

"Just as significantly, the importance of these tests should be noted, as an indication of how our students are doing, which is a concept put forward by No Child Left Behind. For example, I am concerned with the writing test scores of our students here in Delaware. However, we now know that we should focus our energies in that area and can make improvements. We must realize the importance of setting high standards for our nation's students so that rapid improvement is made in their education."