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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a computer based assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy Skills. This assessment measures whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers, and if they are meeting academic expectations set by the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The PARCC assessments have replaced the NJASK in grades 3-8 for Language Arts and Mathematics.

The Mathematics component will take place, Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, for students in grade 3 through 5. Students in grades 6 through 8 will take the Mathematics on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take the English Language Arts/Literacy Skills test on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Make-up testing will take place Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> if necessary.

Over the next several weeks, our students will be preparing for the PARCC in their general education classrooms. All curricula are aligned with the Common Core State Standards and the instructional sequence has been reorganized to address most crucial PARCC content before testing begins in March. Our students will also be using online tutorials that demonstrate how to navigate the PARCC test. Some of these tutorials and sample assessments are available at <http://practice.parcc.testnav.com/#>.

This state assessment is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), as is your child's attendance. Please help your child prepare for the test by providing a healthy breakfast and ensuring that they get a good night's sleep prior to testing. It is very important for students to arrive on time throughout the testing dates, as students who arrive after testing begins will be required to take the assessment during the scheduled make-up sessions.

Attached you will find a preliminary schedule that provides a more detailed summary of when each assessment will take place. We have also provided a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the PARCC. I encourage you to frequently check our district's website for additional information. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

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