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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Standardized assessments are a valuable tool we utilize to measure students' progress toward meeting grade level standards. We utilize the data from these assessments to make informed decisions on how to meet your child's individual needs and to assess the effectiveness of our curriculum and instruction. We place a high value on the information we are able to analyze through the LinkIt! assessment, which provides us with a wealth of information directly related to our students and programs.

Another data point we utilize is the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA), the state required standardized assessment for grades 3-8. This year, the New Jersey Department of Education requested the United States Department of Education [waive](#) the assessment. The United States Department of Education responded that an alternate abridged state assessment could be given in Fall 2021 to replace the NJSLA. Therefore, the New Jersey Department of Education has canceled the spring 2021 administration of their standardized assessment.

We will administer LinkIt! C to all students in Grades 2-8 at the end of May. We plan to share our analysis and its implications to our curriculum and instruction at a Board of Education meeting this summer.

Thank you,

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