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Dear Parents/Guardians:

New Jersey statute N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6 requires school districts to annually notify parents and guardians by October 1st of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. Please note that we do recognize the importance of instructional time and are always trying to minimize the amount of time students spend in testing environments. This year, students will spend about 1%-2% of the school year taking these assessments. As a district, we value the data provided by these assessments and use the results to develop curriculum, guide instruction, and provide students with personalized support. Detailed information about each assessment can be found on the next page. **This letter was updated in October to reflect the administration of the NAEP at MB and MEMS. Please be advised that this notice has been updated again to inform you of the finalized NJSLA testing dates as we recently received additional notification from the state regarding this required testing.**

Assessment	Grade Level	Administration Dates
LinkIt (Assessments A, B, and C)	Grades 2 - 8	A*: September 13th - September 23rd B*: January 10th - January 21st C*: May 16th - May 27th
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2021 - ELA	Grades 4 - 8	Testing Window: October 4th - October 8th; Makeups: October 12th - October 22nd
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2021 - Math	Grades 4 - 8	Testing Window: October 4th - October 8th; Makeups: October 12th - October 22nd
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2021 - Science	Grade 6	Testing Window: October 4th - October 8th; Makeups: October 12th - October 22nd
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment	Grades 3 and 4	November 22nd - November 23rd
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) - Reading and Mathematics	Grades 4 and 8	Milford Brook, Grade 4: February 3rd MEMS, Grade 8: March 1st
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - ELA (NJSLA-ELA)	Grades 3 - 8	Spring Administration Grades 3 - 6 Testing Dates: May 3rd - May 5th Grades 7 - 8 Testing Dates: May 3rd - May 5th
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Math (NJSLA-M)	Grades 3 - 8	Spring Administration Grades 3 - 6 Testing Dates: May 10th - May 12th Grades 7 - 8 Testing Dates: May 9th - May 11th
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)	Grades 5 and 8	Spring Administration (Final Dates TBD) Grade 5 Testing Dates: May 17th - May 18th Grade 8 Testing Dates: May 12th - May 13th

**Due to scheduling and other events, there is a wide window for teachers and principals to plan administration of these assessments.*

New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2021) - ELA; Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2021) - Math; and Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2021) - Science are state mandated assessments for fourth through eighth grade students in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. Sixth grade students will also take the science assessment. Due to the cancellation of the Spring 2021 administration of the NJSLA ELA, math, and science assessments, these assessments are required by the state to be administered in the fall for this school year. These assessments are based on the prior year(s) standards and are administered in approximately 45-60 minutes. Please note that student cell phones and communication devices must be off and away during testing. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/startStrong/>

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - ELA (NJSLA-ELA) and The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Math (NJSLA-M) are state mandated assessments for third through eighth grade students in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. For ELA, the assessment in third grade consists of three 75-minute units. In fourth through eighth grade, the assessment consists of three 90-minute units. Field testing is included in one of the three ELA units, though the district is not notified which unit is counted for field testing purposes. In mathematics, the assessment consists of three 60-minute units. Students enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry will take the Algebra I or Geometry assessment in lieu of the mathematics grade level assessment. These assessments will consist of two 90-minute units. Please be advised that student cell phones will need to be off and away during testing. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S) is a state mandated assessment for fifth and eighth grade students. In both grade levels, the assessment is approximately 180 minutes. The assessment must be administered over two days. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/sla/science/>.

The InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment is utilized by the district, in third grade, to measure students' verbal and quantitative inductive and deductive reasoning skills. This assessment is approximately 95 minutes. Student results will be provided to parents/guardians. This school year, we will be administering this assessment to all fourth grade students as they did not take the assessment as third graders during the 2020-2021 school year. Accommodations are not provided for this assessment. More information on InView can be found at: <https://terranova3.com/inview/>.

LinkIt is utilized by the district, in second through eighth grades, to monitor students' progress in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. LinkIt is a series of three assessments and each assessment in the series is approximately 40 to 60 minutes per subject. Student results will be provided to parents/guardians. Accommodations are provided for this assessment. More information on LinkIt can be found at <http://www.linkit.com/>.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a congressionally mandated assessment for fourth and eighth grade that is given nationwide. Schools are chosen randomly and at least 30 students at each school are asked to participate. NAEP assessments may include the following subjects: civics, geography, mathematics, reading, U.S. history or writing. The NAEP assessment is approximately 90 minutes long. Student level results are not reported. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information on NAEP can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/dba/>.

Student results for each assessment will be administered to parents/guardians when available, with the exception of the NAEP.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

