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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that there will be no spring 2021 administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in the areas of English language arts, Mathematics, and Science. The administration of the Dynamic Learning Maps for certain special education students and ACCESS for ELLs will continue as planned.

The United States Department of Education has accepted the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) proposal to administer the Start Strong assessments in the fall of 2021 to satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement. The Start Strong assessments will be administered to all students in English language arts and Mathematics in grades fourth through eighth and Science grade six. These assessments will help to determine the level of support that a student might need to master the current year's prerequisite skills and concepts.

Additional information in the form of the 2019-2020 District Performance Reports can be found on the school website under Assessment Results in the Curriculum Department. The School Performance Reports were designed to provide parents, educators and communities a summary of how a school or district is performing. Due to the 2020 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and resulting school closures and cancellations of statewide assessments, some data is not available for the 2019-2020 school year. Most available data has been affected by COVID-19 in some way and the NJDOE recommends caution in comparing 2019-2020 data to data from prior or future school years.

If you have any additional questions regarding the state assessments, please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,
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