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Mrs. Siobhan Grayson
Principal/Superintendent

April 8, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For public school students enrolled in grades 3 through 12 during the 2018-2019 school year, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments will be replaced by the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics (NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M, respectively). The NJSLA for Science (NJSLA-S) will be administered to students enrolled in grades 5.

The assessment dates are as follows:

The NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-Math testing window is April 8 - May 28, 2019.

Grades 3-6 Computer based assessments: Monday 5/6/19 & Tuesday 5/7/19

Monday 5/13/19 - Wednesday 5/15/19

The NJSLA were designed to provide information to districts about student performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science relative to state standards. These standards determine what students should know and be able to do in each content area at the end of each grade level. The tests contain multiple-choice questions as well as several types of questions requiring open-ended responses in which students explain their understanding. Results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test in relation to his/her peers, and individualized score reports will be mailed home next fall.

Students will take the NJSLA on a computer, unless otherwise indicated in a student's Individualized Education Plan, using the same online platform and tools they may be familiar with from PARCC testing. The number of test questions will be reduced for ELA and Math thus reducing the required testing time compared to past years. Some portions of the online assessment contain an audio/video component that requires students to wear headphones. Students may feel most comfortable wearing their own headphones and are encouraged to bring a personal set from home. Additional sets of headphones will be available for student use, if needed.

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child for this experience. Please have your child arrive to school on time each day of testing. If your child misses a scheduled testing day a make-up testing day will be scheduled accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhan Grayson".

Siobhan Grayson
Principal/Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Capaccio".

Lori Capaccio
District Testing Coordinator