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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This spring, the New Jersey Department of Education will require public school districts to administer the third year of the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in grades 3-11. The initial administration of this assessment took place in 2015, replacing the NJASK and HSPA.

The PARCC is aligned to the teaching standards by which classroom instruction is guided. The data gathered through this assessment provides valuable information about student learning and teaching practices. This data, combined with other student performance indicators, will also assist in guiding student placement for future courses and/or programs.

Our district team has focused on ensuring that the upcoming assessment experience minimizes disruption to our students' schedules to allow for daily instruction to continue throughout the assessment window.

The schedule for the 2017 PARCC administration is as follows:

- 7th/8th Grade ELA – April 19th - 21st
- 7th/8th Grade Math – April 24th - 26th
- 5th/6th Grade ELA – April 28th - May 2nd
- 5th/6th Grade Math – May 3rd - May 8th (The 7th is the last day for 6th grade math.)

Make-ups for any missed sections will be administered on the days following each grade's assessment window. Seventh and eighth grade make-ups will begin on April 28th, and fifth and sixth grade make-ups will begin on May 9th.

To better familiarize yourself with the PARCC, please make use of these resources:

- PARCC Sample Items Website - <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>
- PARCC Website - <http://www.parcconline.org/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew S. Howell".

Matthew S. Howell

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