



Dumont Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The school year is progressing and our teachers have been busily preparing the students for the annual state testing that will take place during April and early May for Grades 3 -11. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test is a computer based assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy Skills that measures whether or not students are meeting or approaching state standards in these content areas. Students in grades 4 and 8, and those students enrolled in high school Biology, will also be taking a Science paper-based assessment in late May.

I am proud to report that the Dumont School District as a whole performed well on the PARCC assessments and other state assessments last year. Performance, as well as the student participation rate, was well above the state average. In fact, an impressive 99% of our student population in grades 3-11 participated in the state testing program last year. For those students who participated, detailed individual reports were mailed home this past fall. These reports contained valuable information concerning student progress, and have provided teachers with focused guidance for instruction in our classrooms. As a point of information, public school districts are required by New Jersey regulation to administer the state testing program every year and to ensure that at least 95% of its students in tested grade levels participate in the testing program. Districts who do not meet these requirements are subject to various state sanctions.

The New Jersey Department of Education also offers additional information regarding the PARCC tests on its Website. This website can be accessed at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/>. The official PARCC website, accessed from the following link: <http://parcconline.org>, is also an excellent source of information for parents. I urge you to visit both sites prior to the scheduled testing. This will ensure that you understand the testing process, and will undoubtedly ensure that your child is prepared to do his/her best.

The district testing schedule and other information related to testing, including procedural information, can also be accessed on our school district's website, under the Curriculum link at www.dumontnj.org. As the testing dates approach, you will be receiving specific testing information and a schedule from your child's school. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding state testing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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