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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may know, in February, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced the postponement of the planned start dates of all spring statewide assessments so as to allow the NJDOE time to submit a detailed request for a complete waiver of the requirement to administer statewide assessments for the 2020-2021 school year from the U.S. Department of Education. At this time, NJDOE has directed districts to begin to plan for the administration of its annual assessments in the event that the waiver is not granted. If the waiver is granted, a letter will be sent home to families.

The new testing window is as follows:

Assessment	Grades	Computer Administration Window	Paper Administration Window
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)-English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Regular Administration	3 through 9	May 3, 2021 to June 11, 2021	May 3, 2021 to May 14, 2021
NJSLA-Science Administration	5, 8 and 11	May 3, 2021 to June 11, 2021	May 3, 2021 to May 14, 2021
ACCESS for ELLs	K-12 ESL students	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021

The revised district testing schedule can be accessed on our school district’s website, under the *Quick Links* bar at www.dumontnj.org. Additional information related to the state assessments can also be located on the *Curriculum Page* of the website. As the testing dates approach, you will be receiving specific testing information and a schedule from your child’s school.

While the NJDOE expects that districts will administer the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) on-site and in-person given the prevalence of hybrid instructional models, the assessments will be given remotely for students who receive all-remote instruction. **Remote testing is available only to students who are not receiving in-person instruction from a teacher in a school building during the assessment window and who do not require certain in-person accommodations and modifications.**

These students will be remotely monitored by the test administrator and other authorized personnel designated by the school or district.

New Jersey will use the same online testing platform (TestNav) that has been used for in-person NJSLA testing in the past regardless of whether students are testing in-person or remotely. For remote testing, students will access the NJSLA assessments through a browser or an app that can be downloaded by a student, guardian, or remotely installed by a school district on managed devices. Test administrators will administer the NJSLA synchronously to students during school hours. This will involve meeting with students in real-time over Zoom or Google Meets. Once authorized, students can log on to their assessment at the scheduled time and complete their tests from a remote location. New and enhanced test management dashboards allow teachers/proctors to monitor student test progress and completion in real time. Information related to remote test taking will be sent to Virtual-Only students as the testing window approaches.

Regardless of how the student accesses the NJSLA, there will be no functional changes for students taking the test remotely or onsite in a school. In both instances, students navigate through online test forms using the same tools and accessibility options. Our teaching staff will work with our students to prepare them to take the assessments. As the testing window approaches, our school principals will provide information in advance about room and technology set-up, scheduling, materials needed for all students and for students receiving certain accommodations. Parents are encouraged to visit the following pages for additional information about the assessments, including practice items and tutorials.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessments Resource Center (Parent Resources):
<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

Start Strong Testing Resources: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/startStrong/>

NJSLA-Science: <https://measinc-nj-science.com/>

The New Jersey Department of Education also offers additional information regarding the state tests and the revised high school graduation requirements related to standardized testing on its website. This website can be accessed at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>

Please feel free to contact my office, or your child's school, if you have any questions regarding state testing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



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