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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The state of New Jersey students in grades 3-11 will participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science in grades 5 and 8. The assessments are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and are designed to help determine a student's college and career readiness. The results of the test can provide you and our district with timely information about your child's progress and attainment of state standards. The assessment can also provide your child with valuable experience taking an online assessment. The Wyckoff NJSLA testing window, including make-ups, will take place from Wednesday, May 1 - Friday, May 24 for grades 6-8, and Tuesday April 23 - Monday, May 20, for grades 3-5.

State law requires that all students take state assessments. Last year's participation rate was high, and we anticipate your continued support. There is no "opt out" protocol by which parents can elect to have their child exempt from taking the test. We expect all grade 3-8 Wyckoff students to participate in the NJSLA assessments. Absent students will be required to complete make-ups during the testing window. While the NJSLA assessments do not impact promotion or retention in grades 3-8, the state has not established high school graduation assessment requirements for the Class 2021 and beyond, as found here. Taking the high school level assessments will keep options open for students in the event these assessments can be used for meeting the graduation assessment requirements. For more information about the NJSLA assessments, including NJSLA-Science, please access this link: New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA).

Please remind your children to keep their electronic devices, including cell phones and smart watches secure in their lockers during testing. Electronics are not permitted in the testing rooms. As always, we appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

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