

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Rockaway Borough School Community:

All New Jersey public school districts are required to administer achievement tests developed by the New Jersey Department of Education. New Jersey students in grades 3 to 10 will be tested in Literacy and in Mathematics through the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment. Literacy and Math assessments are used to measure the success of our schools on the standards set by the Federal "Every Student Succeeds Act." We are required by state statute (N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

This fall, students in grade 6 will take the *Start Strong Assessment* in Science, which will measure and identify student needs based on the prior year's standards. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment in Science this spring, which is an online cumulative measure of the standards.

Our District has created its own assessments, and also uses other platforms, to monitor the academic development of our students in their early years of schooling. At other selected grade levels, students are asked to demonstrate their ability to conduct and present research findings.

The attachment in the highlighted link at the bottom of this letter will cover the following areas:

- the subject area of the assessment;
- the grade levels covered by the assessment;
- the date or range of potential dates for administration of the assessment;
- the time allotted for students to take and complete the assessment;
- any accommodations or accessibility options available to students;
- information on how and when students and parents or guardians can access both sample questions and answers from the assessment and students' results; and
- whether the assessment is required locally, or by the state or federal government

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our assessments or schedule of assessments, please feel free to reach out to us and we will gladly answer them for you.

Thank you in advance.

Best, *Anthony Grieco* Anthony Grieco Superintendent of Schools

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