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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: **Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2020**

As you may know, New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) is the State test of record for students attending all New Jersey Public High Schools in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (M). The NJSLA is an objective measure of student achievement that will provide important information about your child's progress in Language Arts and Mathematics relative to his/her peers, and for the purpose of meeting State mandated graduation requirements. These assessments are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for both subject areas.

On March 18, 2019 we received communication from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regarding testing mandates for the Class of 2020 (Grade 11). As directed, students in the Class of 2020 are exempt from taking the ELA and Math test for NJSLA, unless they have not met the State testing requirements for graduation. Counselors will soon meet with these students to discuss the specific assessment(s) that they need to take in order to be eligible to graduate, and a follow-up letter will be mailed home as well.

Additionally, the NJDOE has directed that all students in Grade 11 be administered the NJSLA-Science (S) field test. This assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22. The NJSLA-S involves two types of questions; multiple choice designed to evaluate science content knowledge, and a performance assessment whereby students are required to write their answers to explain or illustrate how they solve particular science problems. Students in Grade 11 will spend approximately two hours each day taking the computer-based assessments.

In summary, students in the Class of 2020 are exempt from taking the NJSLA, unless they have not met the State graduation requirements for English Language Arts and/or Mathematics. In addition, all students in the Class of 2020 are required to take the NJSLA-Science field test. Your support in this process is important and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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educates and empowers our community of individual learners to be successful citizens of the world.