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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The administration of the Start Strong assessment is scheduled to take place during the next two week as denoted below. The Start Strong Assessment will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science for the 2020-2021 school year. This flexibility shall apply only to the 2020-2021 school year. The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. These assessments provide schools and districts with performance data to address students' unique needs at the beginning of this school year. The Start Strong assessments:

- are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards;
- are available in ELA grades 4-10, Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, and in Science grades 6, 9, and 12;
- students will be provided 60 minutes to complete each section;
- will provide immediate results to educators through the assessment platform; and
- will include the same accessibility features and accommodations as the NJSLA Start

Strong assessments will be administered in-person on the dates listed below. All students, including students with disabilities who are not eligible for the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments, and English Language Learners, will be expected to participate in the Start Strong assessments.

Below you will find the tentative dates for testing:

Stanlick & White Rock

Grades 4-5 - October 4 (ELA) and October 5 (mathematics)

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Grade 6 - October 4 (ELA), October 5 (mathematics), and October 6 (science)

Grades 7-8 - October 4 (ELA) and October 5 (mathematics)

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ELA Grades 9 & 10 - September 27, 2021

Alg. I, Alg. II, Geometry - September 28, 2021

Science Grades 9 & 12 - September 29, 2021

Should you have any questions regarding the Start Strong Assessment, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

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