



Lakeland Regional High School

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Dear Lakeland School Community

The New Jersey Department of Education has just canceled the Spring New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) testing administration for students in Grade 3-11. Instead of having a testing administration this spring, all students in grade 9 and 10 will be tested using the State's Start Strong assessments in September or early October in English Language Arts. Additionally, students in grade 9 and 10 will take a math assessment based on their schedule (e.g. Algebra I, Algebra II, or Geometry). Students in grades 9 and 12 will be tested in Science.

The Start Strong assessment utilizes three performance levels ("strong support may be needed"; "some support may be needed"; and, "less support may be needed") to describe the level of support that a student might need to master the current year's prerequisite skills and concepts. All students in the tested grade levels will be expected to participate in the Start Strong assessments just as all students and groups of students are ordinarily expected to participate in the NJSLA.

This spring students in the district's English Language Learners program will take the ACCESS 2.0 assessment in May. If your child is currently receiving ESL services, your child's teacher will share the testing dates with you. The DLM assessment will also be administered to eligible students this spring. Parents/Guardians of students who qualify for this assessment will be notified by their child's teacher of the testing dates.

Sincerely,

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