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Mr. Sean Conlon, Principal

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Dear Parents and Families,

Cresskill will administer the New Jersey Start Strong Assessments for ELA and Mathematics. The Start Strong assessments for English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics provide educators and parents with a beginning of year indication of some conceptual or skill gaps that might exist in a student's understanding of the prior-year New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and the level of support students may need to inform instruction. The Start Strong Assessments are available for students in grades 4 and 5. State assessment accommodations are followed according to individual student plans, where applicable.

English/Language Arts testing will begin on October 6th from 8:50 am until 9:50 am for 5th grade students and from 10:00 am until 11:00 am for students in 4th grade. Mathematics testing will be held on October 7th from 8:50 am until 9:50 am for 5th grade students and from 10:00 am until 11:00 am for students in 4th grade.

Parents will receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) for each content in which their child is tested during the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessment. An ISR provides parents with: a sense of their child's understanding in the tested content areas; a description of the major concepts that were tested; and a starting point for discussions with their child and teacher(s). To access the Parent Portal please visit: <https://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com/login> .

Additional NJSLA testing resources can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>. Please contact your child's building principal with further questions.

Sincerely,

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