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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, school districts and charter schools must, by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, provide parents or guardians certain information on any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year. Attached you will find a chart of the standardized assessments the students in the Eatontown Public Schools will be completing this year. Each assessment helps our teachers and administrators gain valuable insight on our students learning abilities, our curriculum, and our teaching methods. As dates develop for each assessment, you will be notified of them. We encourage parents and guardians to review the testing dates to ensure students' attendance during the testing time.

This year, we are adding the Start Strong Assessment to our calendar. In April 2021, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) notified districts of the required administration for Start Strong Assessments in the Fall 2021. This federally mandated statewide assessment will assess English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science preparedness. The Start Strong assessments are designed to maximize instructional time and will provide schools real-time data and districts the flexibility to address and support students' unique needs at the beginning of the school year.

If you have any questions about any of the testing information, please feel free to contact your school principals.

Sincerely,

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