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Dear Parents and Guardians:

New this year, in addition to the PARCC assessments, the district will also be participating in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) field test. This new computer-based test will be administered to fifth, eighth and eleventh grade students during the month of May, and replaces the NJASK Science and NJ Biology Competency Test (NJBCT) administered in previous years.

NJSLA-S Testing Dates:

High School (11th Grade) May 23 & 24, 2018

Middle School (8th Grade) May 16 & 17, 2018

Elementary School (5th Grade) May 30 & 31, 2018

Participation in the statewide NJSLA-S assessment is a part of the educational program of a child who is enrolled in the public school system, as established in NJSA 18A:7C-1 and NJAC 6A:8-4.1(a) and (b). This statutory requirement has been reiterated by the New Jersey State Board of Education. While Pearson is the company that has been commissioned to produce the NJSLA-S assessments, the guidelines regarding protocol for administration of the assessments are disseminated by the Department of Education.

If you are planning to refuse your child from this assessment, please send a refusal letter to your building principal with your signature, by Friday, May 4, 2018.

Please note, the acknowledgement and the accommodation of the NJSLA-S refusal by parents/guardians on behalf of the child does not extend to any other assignments, assessments, or classroom experiences. The educational experiences provided in the Cherry Hill Public School District are designed to meet the developmental needs of the students as they strive to demonstrate achievement of the curricular expectations. The Cherry Hill curriculum was designed using the New Jersey Model Curriculum, which was established based on the tenets of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Please contact your building principal should you have any questions.

Regards,

Dr. Joseph N. Meloche
Superintendent