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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022:

This spring, students in the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022 will participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA). These assessments are **mandated** by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and are designed to provide information about how well students are achieving in academic areas aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which are the foundation of the District Curriculum. The NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-Mathematics will take place from April 24 through April 30. To view the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) testing calendars, [please click here](#) to visit our website.

Students in the Class of 2021 and 2022 will be scheduled for NJSLA assessments based on their current enrollment for which an NJSLA assessment exists. While the new governor and the NJDOE have indicated that there will be an eventual change regarding state assessments, at the current time, as a district, we are bound to comply with the requirements set forth by the state, and for 2018-19, both our students' participation and results will be factored into the district's performance rating as part of the *Every Student Succeeds Act*; this data is reported annually by the New Jersey Department of Education in the New Jersey School Performance Reports.

**Parents should be aware that taking and passing at least one set of standardized tests for high school graduation has been a longstanding requirement in both state and federal regulations. Because we remain uncertain regarding the state's long term decision regarding high school testing requirements, it is very important that your child participate in the NJSLA assessments to avoid any potential obstruction to high school graduation.**

Students who are absent due to illness, family business, etc. will have make up tests scheduled for them from May 1 through May 3. *Please note that students who come to school during their grade's scheduled testing time should be prepared to take the test. No alternative learning experience will be provided during testing sessions.* **If your child is going to be absent on a testing day for any reason, please notify the attendance office. You are required to send a note to school letting the attendance office know why your child is absent.**

The RPS student assessment policy and procedures can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Given the excellence of our instructional program and our students' high achievement in the classroom, we are confident that our students will be successful in demonstrating proficiency on the NJSLA. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our district meets the requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Sincerely,

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