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Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:

In the spring, students participated in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) administration to measure their academic performance with grade level content as defined in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). Evaluating the results from statewide testing is a helpful tool in measuring students' success in school, and it is just one of the many ways teachers and administrators can determine whether each student is on track for the next grade or ready for college and a career. New Jersey has had statewide tests for decades, and they have served as a small, but important part of assessing our students' annual progress.

Included with this letter you will find one report for each content area in which your student tested. The reports illustrate how your student performed on each test. There are also charts and graphics that show you how your student performed in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and how your student's performance compares to other students in the school, district, and state. A written explanation indicates where your student is doing well and where additional help may be needed.

Your student's Individual Student Report (ISR) is also available in the <u>New Jersey Parent Portal</u>. The online portal includes your student's scale score, level of performance, and a video explanation of the score report. The video report communicates information from the ISR through animations and a voiceover in New Jersey's top five languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic. The Parent Score Interpretation Guide is also available in those five languages on the portal. The portal allows you to track your student's scores from year to year, beginning with spring 2019. If this is the first time you will be accessing the online portal, you must create an account using the unique claim code that is located on your student's paper ISR. Additional resources to help support your student can be found on the <u>New Jersey Assessments Resource Center</u> under Parent Resources.

<u>Practice Tests</u> are also available in the portal for ELA, mathematics, and science. The practice tests are designed to allow users to view and interact with the sample items in the same way students interacted with them during testing. The practice test platforms have a default login of "Guest"; however, users can choose to enter a name when they begin. Users can respond to sample test items and receive a summary score for each unit. Additional resources such as the <u>Digital Item Library</u> and <u>New Meridian Item Library</u> are also available. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

Sean P. Adams

Superintendent of Schools