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# MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the buildings are underway in preparations for the 2018 administration of PARCC assessments, I wanted to provide you with the latest information from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) regarding the statewide assessment program. Lamont Repollet, Acting Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey, sent a memorandum to school districts last week to update us on the status of PARCC.

There are key points in the memorandum that we believe are important to highlight as we enter the assessment cycle.

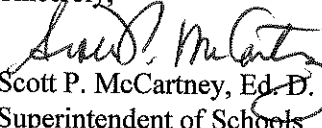
- The work to improve upon the current assessment system by the NJDOE will begin with the formation of an advisory group and a listening tour conducted by Dr. Repollet.
- The timeline for developing and transitioning to a new assessment model/system is complex and will take time.
- “In the meantime, the current statewide assessments, as well as federal and state accountability and graduation requirements, all remain in effect until further notified of changes in the regulations” (Repollet, 2018, p.2).
- The 2018 PARCC testing cycle will proceed as planned and as established by New Jersey Administrative Code.

Please be reminded that the accountability measures of statewide testing have an impact on how the NJDOE measures the continuous improvement of a district and its schools. One of those measures includes a minimum 95% participation rate. Therefore, **all students in grades three through eight; students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2; and students enrolled in high school English courses from grades nine through eleven are expected to take the assigned PARCC assessment.**

Additionally, students are still accountable for meeting the graduation assessment requirements as established by the NJDOE. More information about the requirements may be found on page 13 of the 2018-2019 MHS Program of Studies. With regard to these requirements, we will not put any child’s graduation at risk by assuming that the assessment requirements will change in the near future. All students in the graduating cohorts of 2019 and beyond are expected to take PARCC end-of-course assessments for their eligible courses.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment in assuring that Moorestown Township Public Schools meets its obligations by maintaining compliance with State regulations.

Sincerely,

  
Scott P. McCartney, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools