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September 28, 2020,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, the Wharton School District will be taking part in a statewide assessment as a part of a group of states. The assessment, called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA), is aligned content standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.

In accordance with state law and regulations, all students in grades 3-11 are required to take state assessments. Our students in grades 3-8 will be taking the NJSLA in the content areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to this assessment, students in grades 5 and 8 will continue to take the NJSLA for Science. Students shall expect to take the NJSLA assessments in May 2021.

The daily testing time will not exceed 160 minutes and each student will be tested for 5 days in the testing window.

If your child receives extended testing time due to special education classification, 504 Accommodation Plan or is an English Language Learner, your child will be placed in an extended time testing session.

The NJSLA assessments will provide you with important information about your child’s progress toward meeting the goal of being college or career ready. The NJSLA assessments will provide detailed diagnostic information about each individual student’s performance that educators, parents and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement. NJSLA assessments will include item analysis that will clarify a student’s level of knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or area of a subject. The data derived from the assessment will be utilized by teachers and administrators to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any additional questions related to the administering of the NJSLA assessment.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman

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Superintendent