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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 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), is aligned to new content standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics that were adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education in 2010.

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 PARCC in the content areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition to this assessment, students in grades 4 and 8 will continue to take the NJASK for Science. Students shall take the PARCC assessments as scheduled below:

Grades 4 and 5 will be testing April 16-20.

Grades 6 and 7 will be testing April 23-27.

Grades 3 and 8 will be testing April 30-May 4.

Additional make up testing will be held the week of May 7.

NJASK for Science in Grades 4 and 8 should be administered near that same time window.

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 PARCC assessments will provide you with important information about your child’s progress toward meeting the goal of being college or career ready. The PARCC 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. PARCC 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 PARCC assessment.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Herdman
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