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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This year, there will be changes to the spring testing administration. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has ended its membership with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The new assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics will be called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-ELA (NJSLA-ELA) and the New Jersey Learning Assessment-M (NJSLA-M). Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will participate in the New Jersey Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S). The online platform for the assessments will remain the same, but the number of questions will be reduced for ELA and Math, thus reducing the required testing time. Students are encouraged to **bring in their earbuds/headphones** to use during the testing period. **Please be advised that no bluetooth earbuds/headphones are permitted**

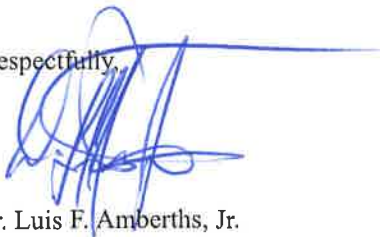
Penns Grove Middle School will be administering the NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-Math on the following dates (*subject to change*):

- **April 9th - April 15th** - 6th Grade Students
- **April 16th - April 29th**- 7th Grade Students
- **April 30th - May 6th**- 8th Grade Students
- **May 7th - May 13th** - Make-Up Testing
- **May 20th - June 7th** - NJSLA-Science Testing (8th Grade)

Administration of the NJSLA-ELA, NJSLA-M, and NJSLA-S is required by the NJDOE for all students in the tested content areas which includes ELA grades 3-10 and Math grades 3-10. Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide for NJSLA-S will be distributed to 8th Grade students within the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's School Counselor or principal.

Respectfully,



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