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Dear Parent/Guardian of a Ewing Public School Student in Grades 3-8:

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents/guardians with relevant State assessment information as it relates to the upcoming **PARCC (Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Careers)**. The PARCC assessments have replaced the New Jersey ASK English (ELA) and Math. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has directed New Jersey public school districts to schedule all students in Grades 3-8 to take the appropriate PARCC ELA and Math assessments. Students in Grades 4 and 8 will continue to take the NJ ASK Science test each spring.

The PARCC assessments are computer based and aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The assessments will evaluate a student's progress toward meeting grade level expectations as defined by the Common Core Standards. The PARCC tests are administered in Grades 3-11 with a focus on college and career readiness/preparedness. The PARCC assessments are also designed to provide teachers with specific content information to modify instruction and provide student support. The Spring testing window for Grades 3-8 is between March 27 and May 19, 2017. As the time approaches, a more definitive testing schedule will be provided.

Spring PARCC 2016-2017 Test Dates for Grades 3-8: March 27 – May 19, 2017

SPRING 2016 PARCC TEST SESSION TIMES					
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total Time
ELA Grade 3	90 min	75 min	90 min	N/A	4 hrs, 15 min
ELA Grades 4-5	90 min	90 min	90 min	N/A	4 hrs, 30 min
ELA Grades 6-8	110 min	110 min	90 min	N/A	5 hrs, 10 min
MATH Grades 3-5	60 min	60 min	60 min	60 min	4 hrs
MATH Grades 6-8	80 min	80 min	80 min	N/A	4 hrs
Algebra I	90 min	90 min	90 min	N/A	4 hrs, 30 min

NJ ASK Science Grades 4 and 8: May 31, 2017 (Make-Up Test Date: June 7, 2017)

Visit our website at <http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us/>. On the district home page, scroll down to PARCC Testing Information to learn more about PARCC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). You will also have the opportunity to peruse practice tests for Grades 3-8.

During PARCC testing, I urge you to ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a hearty breakfast and comes to school prepared to focus on the PARCC assessments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this important aspect of your child's school program.

Respectfully,

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