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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S) is being field-tested by the New Jersey Department of Education during Spring 2018, in grades 5, 8, and 11. The science testing window opens on May 7, 2018 and closes on June 8, 2018. The new 11th Grade High School Assessment will be a comprehensive Science Assessment rather than the end-of-course high school Biology Assessment given in the past. Districts are required by the NJDOE to participate in the field test.

The new science assessments will not be included as part of the State's accountability for the 2017-2018 school year. No individual Science Student Reports will be provided to parents this year nor will results be used for student accountability or as a requirement for high school information.

Non-Participation Requests for the Science Field-Test

Students whose parents request non-participation in the Science Field-Test must notify the school principal in writing. We request that all letters for non-participation be sent to the school principal no later than April 20, 2018. If the student's parents/guardians have formally refused participation in the Science Field-Test, the student will be required to sit in an alternate location and quietly read or work on other materials independently. The Science Field-Test is the educational program during testing days.

The testing schedule for each school is listed below. If you have any additional questions or concerns about PARCC testing or the NJSLA-S, please contact Dr. Kalisha Morgan, Director of Planning and Assessment at 973-762-5600 X 1839 or by email at kmorgan@somsd.k12.nj.us.

Thank you,

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PARCC & NJSLA 2017 - 2018 School Testing Schedule

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	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	GR 3 Makeups	GR 4 Makeups	GR 5 Makeups
Clinton	4/18 -4/30	5/1 - 5/8	5/9 - 5/16	5/17 - 5/25		
Science			5/17 - 5/18			6/1 & 6/4
Jefferson	5/8 - 5/17	5/8 - 5/15	4/30 - 5/7	5/14 - 5/18		
Science			5/31 & 6/1			6/1
Seth Boyden	5/9 - 5/16	5/1 - 5/8	4/23 - 4/30	5/17 - 5/24	5/9 - 5/16	5/1 - 5/8
Science			5/21 & 5/22			5/23
South Mtn	4/23 - 4/30	5/1 - 5/8	5/9 - 5/16	5/1-5/7	5/9-5/15	5/14 - 5/18
Science			6/1 & 6/4			6/5
Tuscan	5/4 - 5/11	4/18 - 4/25	4/26 - 5/3	5/14 - 5/18	4/26 - 5/2	5/4 - 5/10
Science			5/17 - 5/18			5/21 & 5/23
MMS	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grades 6 Makeups	Grade 7 Makeups	Grade 8 Makeups
	4/23 - 4/26	4/30 - 5/3	5/8 - 5/11	5/14-5/18		
Science			5/22 - 5/23			5/29 & 5/30
SOMS	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grades 6 Makeups	Grade 7 Makeups	Grade 8 Makeups
	4/24 - 4/27	5/1 - 5/4	5/8 - 5/11	5/14 - 5/18		
Science			5/22 & 5/23			5/24 & 5/25
CHS	Grades 9-11			Grades 9-11 Makeups		
ELA	4/24 - 4/26			5/8 - 5/11		
MATH	5/2 - 5/4					
Science	5/30 - 5/31			6/4 & 6/5		