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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Across the State of New Jersey, students in 3rd through 6th grade will take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment for English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, students in 5th grade will take the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge Science; date To Be Determined (TBD).

What is PARCC? The PARCC assessment is a computer-based assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy skills that measures whether students are on track to be successful in college and careers and if the students are meeting the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). Sample tests and released items are available on the PARCC website:

- Sample Tests – <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>
- Released Test Items – <https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items>

Do I have the option for my child to opt-out of the PARCC assessment? No. Harrison Township is obligated by state regulations to administer the NJ ASK and PARCC exam to all students. The district's attendance policies and regulations will continue to be followed during this time.

When will PARCC be administered? The PARCC assessment continues to be condensed to one testing window for the 2017-2018 school year. The assessment will include open-ended, short-answer, and multiple choice assessment items. The Harrison Township School District will administer the PARCC as follows:

April 30	May1	May 2	May 3	May 4
	<u>ELA Unit 1</u> Grade 3-5 (90 min) Grade 6 (110 min)	<u>ELA Unit 2</u> Grade 3 (75 min) Grade 4-5 (90 min) Grade 6 (110 min)	<u>ELA Unit 3</u> Grade 3-6 (90 min)	Make-ups
May7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
<u>Math Unit 1</u> Grade 3-5 (60 min) Grade 6 (80 min)	<u>Math Unit 2</u> Grade 3-5 (60 min) Grade 6 (80 min)	<u>Math Unit 3</u> Grade 3-5 (60 min) Grade 6 (80 min)	<u>Math Unit 4</u> Grade 3-5 (60 min)	Make-ups

How can parents learn more? The district website includes a great deal of information and useful links. If you have any further questions about the New Jersey state assessments, you may contact Dr. Davis in the Curriculum Office at 478-2016 extension 7169 or via e-mail davisa@harrisonschool.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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