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Dear MPTCS Families and Stakeholders,

This letter is to inform you about the statewide and commercially developed assessments your child will take during the 2025-2026 school year. New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6) requires all school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects to provide this annual notification.

These assessments are valuable tools that help educators, students, and families understand a student's academic growth, mastery of grade-level standards, and progress toward graduation. They also enable teachers and school leaders to monitor student performance, identify areas where students may need more support, and make informed decisions to improve teaching and learning.

The **2025-2026 District Assessment Calendar** is linked [here](#) and details the major assessments administered across our four MPTCS campuses. These include:

- **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0:** Assesses English language proficiency for students learning English.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:** Measures a student's mastery of college-level course material.
- **iReady and IXL Adaptive/Diagnostic Assessments:** Provides adaptive testing to determine a student's current knowledge and skill levels and identify a student's strengths and weaknesses.
- **LinkIt! NJSLA Benchmark Assessments:** Measures progress toward New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) standards.
- **New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA):** Determines if students are on track to meet state graduation requirements.
- **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT):** A practice test for the SAT that also serves as a pathway to scholarship opportunities.
- **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):** A college admissions exam.

In addition, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is updating the NJSLA and NJGPA to **adaptive** versions of the assessment. These tests will adjust the difficulty of questions based on a student's answers. This fall, our schools will participate in the required field test from **October 27 to November 14**, with our testing dates set for **November 3-5**. This field test will not be used to assess students' individual performances, but rather to evaluate the quality of the new test questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the leadership at your child's campus.

Sincerely,

**John Gamble**

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