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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students who attend The Ewing Township Public Schools will soon participate in the mandatory field test administration of a new adaptive assessment assigned by the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA-Adaptive) or New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA-Adaptive). This is an important step in ensuring the quality and fairness of future assessments that will be used across the state. Additional information about the new assessment can be found online: https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html.

What is a Field Test?
A field test is a trial run of assessment questions that allows test developers to evaluate and refine items before they are used in an official assessment. The Department of Education will provide no data to schools or districts, and no individual student scores will be reported so there will be no impact on your child's grades or academic record. While students will not receive scores from this field test, their participation plays a vital role in improving the quality of future standardized tests.

Why is the Field Test Important?
The field testing process helps ensure that NJSLA-Adaptive and NJGPA-Adaptive assessment items:

- Accurately measure what they are intended to assess,
- Function appropriately for students from all backgrounds and demographics,
- Support the refinement of scoring models, and
- Improve the overall quality and fairness of the test.

Benefits for Students and Schools
In addition to supporting the development of a high-quality assessment, the field test provides the following:

- An opportunity for students to experience a formal testing environment, helping them build familiarity and confidence for future assessments including PSAT and SAT tests for college admission, and
- A chance for schools and districts to practice the test administration process and identify any technical or logistical issues in advance of the operational test, which will take place in spring 2026.

Field Test Details

- Test Dates: October 27-November 14, 2025
- Grade and Content Areas to be Tested:
    - ELA-Reading and Writing – Grades 4-11
    - Math – Grades 4-9 AND students in any grade who completed Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 during the 2024-2025 school year

For additional information, access the Department of Education's FAQ page online: https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml. If you have additional questions, you can contact your child's building principal. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to enhance the educational experience for all students.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kelly Kawalek