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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the week of May 5th, fifth grade students will be taking the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK 5) as issued by the State Department of Education. Students in grade five will test on Monday, May 5 through Thursday, May 8. The test will consist of two days of language arts literacy testing and two days of mathematics testing. This assessment is the means used by the state of New Jersey to assess Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) per the No Child Left Behind regulations.

Please be advised that there are specific state guidelines that all school districts must adhere to during NJ ASK testing. First and foremost, **students will not be admitted to the testing classroom after the late bell.** Please do not schedule doctor or dentist appointments during the testing days, as we are not permitted to interrupt testing for late arrivals or early dismissals. In addition, **students are forbidden to have cell phones** in their possession during test days. Any student found to have a cell phone will "have his or her answer folder voided for that test section."

We respectfully request that you ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast each day of testing. All children need to arrive at school on time as the testing begins first thing in the morning.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation in making this a positive experience for the children.

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