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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be administering the statewide assessment called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). NJSLA is designed as a 21st-century testing program that is aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA) and Mathematics (NJSLA-M). This assessment is intended to measure students' content knowledge and key skills, such as their ability to think critically, solve problems, and use information from text to write analytically. This assessment is administered to students in grades 3 through 11.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with critical testing schedule information. Students in Grades 6-8 will be taking two performance-based assessments in ELA and three performance assessments in Mathematics. Students will take ELA assessments that correlate to their current grade-level English classes, and the mathematics assessments that correlate to their current grade-level math courses. Our 8th-grade Algebra students will be assessed on the content covered during their class. The 8th-grade will also be taking two performance assessments in Science.

In an effort to minimize disruption to our educational program, David E. Owens Middle School will begin testing on May 9, 2022. DEOMS will operate on ***a modified bell schedule during the ELA and Math testing administration.*** For Science we will not change the schedule and students who are NOT testing will attend classes as they normally would.

2022 DEOMS NJSLA Schedule is as follows:

May 9 & 10 - Grade 6-8 (ELA)

May 11 through 13 – Grade 6-8 (Mathematics)

May 16 & 17 – Grade 8 (Science)

May 18 through 20 – All Grades (ELA, Math, & Science Make-Up assessments during regular school day)

Students ARE permitted to bring appropriate leisure ***reading books or magazines*** to their testing locations to read if they finish testing early. ***No cell phones, personal electronics, and digital readers of any kind are allowed in the testing rooms.*** One portion of the ELA literacy test requires listening (through headphones). ***Students should bring wired earbuds or headphones and a pen or pencil*** for testing each day of the ELA assessment.

Students who are absent on the day of testing will be required to make up the NJSLA which will be scheduled during the regular school day. Therefore, please make every effort to have your child attend school on the days of testing.

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