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Dear 11th Grade Parents and Guardians:

On September 8, 2021, the State Board of Education adopted new graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025. The regulations comply with State statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-1 et seq.) and require, as a prerequisite for graduation, all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), by achieving a passing score on a substitute competency assessment, or by submitting portfolio appeals through their district.

Students in the class of 2024 will take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) in grade 11. This assessment is aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for grade 10 ELA and NJSLS for Algebra I and Geometry. The assessment format will be familiar to students and educators, as it will be delivered on the same platform students use for the current New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA).

If, after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or Mathematics section, the student may take the following steps during their senior year:

- Retake the NJGPA in Fall 2023
- Meet a designated cut score from the list of alternative assessments
- Complete a portfolio appeal

To be clear, a student may only be eligible for the three options above if they have taken the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in ELA and Mathematics.

The NJGPA will be administered to the Class of 2024 the week of March 13-16, 2022. The test consists of two 90 minute ELA units and two 90 minute Math units. Students will take one unit each day that they test during Block 5. Make up testing will be done the following week. Students will be required to sit for the assessments at their set time. Please see the schedule below as it will adjust block times by a few minutes for the week.

- Block 1 -8-9:10A
- Block 2 - 9:14-10:26
- Block 3 - 10:30-11:42
- Block 4 - 11:46-12:58
- **Block 5 - 1:02-2:46**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 732-681-8377 ext. 230. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Klarissa Martin