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# Township of Union Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Assessments is pleased to announce the Start Strong Snapshot Assessments for students in New Jersey.

## **Start Strong Assessment Overview**

Start Strong Assessments are based on prior-year academic standards. The assessments are available in:

- English Language Arts (ELA) grades 4 through 10
- Mathematics grades 4 through 8, Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry
- Science grades 6, 9, and 12

These assessment tools will provide educators with an indication of the level of support students may need for this school year. Building Principals, Supervisors, and Teachers are encouraged to share the results with students and parents/guardians. This information is used in conjunction with other measures to identify potential gaps in students' understanding of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).

## **Testing Window**

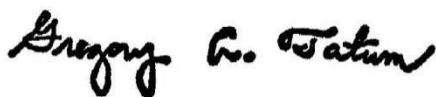
Each Start Strong Assessment is designed to be administered in approximately 45-60 minutes to an entire class or grade level and will provide immediate results. The ELA, Mathematics, and Science assessments can be administered at any time, remotely or in-person. The administration of the assessment will end on **December 14, 2020**.

## **Accommodations**

The Start Strong assessments will have a subset of the accommodations to meet the needs of individual students. The assessments will be available in English, Spanish (Math and Science only).

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,



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