



## Superintendent's Message April, 2019 (revised)



Welcome Spring! Spring brings showers, flowers, baseball, softball, and track and field. It will also bring the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) to the Bayonne Public School District. The NJDOE has instituted new guidelines and the Bayonne Public School District will not require students in grade 11 homerooms to sit for end-of-course statewide assessments in ELA and mathematics. To be clear, **all** students in grade 11 will still be required to participate in the NJSLA – Science in May. The NJSLA matches the content and skills outlined in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards that guide instruction in the classroom and provide valuable information about student learning.

As a parent, you can use the information you learn about your child's performance to support your child at home and guide a discussion with your child's teacher to identify what, if any, additional support is necessary in school. Teachers use the information to guide their instruction and provide more personalized activities and learning opportunities for students. Students can work on the areas where improvement is needed to ensure they are staying on track to be successful in the next grade. In areas where students excel, teachers can provide appropriately challenging work to ensure students continue to be engaged in school and advance their knowledge.

I know that our teachers and students have worked diligently over the past seven months, and I am confident that they are not only ready to participate, but also succeed on this State level assessment.

Some important happenings this April:

- April 3 Academic Challenge at Horace Mann Community School
- April 8-9-10 NJSLA - ELA Grades 3-4-5
- April 11-15 NJSLA - Mathematics Grades 3-4-5
- April 19-26 School Closed for Spring Break

I, along with the Bayonne Board of Education, and Mr. Joseph T. Broderick, President, would like to personally wish you all a safe and relaxing Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Wanko, Ph.D.  
Superintendent