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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As per state and federal requirements, all New Jersey public schools will administer the Start Strong assessments for the discipline areas of English language arts, mathematics and science.

The Start Strong Assessment will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. The Start Strong assessment is set up to produce information that should complement the resources used by educators in their classrooms to evaluate students' needs and starting points for this school year.

The Start Strong assessments:

- Are intended to provide an optimal resource for in-class feedback and support;
- Are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards;
- Are available in ELA (grades 4-8), Mathematics (grades 4-8, Algebra I), and in Science grade 6

All students, including students with disabilities who are not eligible for the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments, and English Language Learners, will be expected to participate in the Start Strong assessments. You will be provided with an Individual Student Report (ISR) following the close of the assessment window at the end of October.

The Bayonne Board of Education School District will be administering the Start Strong assessments to students sometime between September 27th and October 22nd. The assessment schedule is available on the district website: [Microsoft Word - Elementary Start Strong October- 2021.docx \(bboed.org\)](#). You will be provided with an Individual Student Report (ISR) following the close of the assessment window at the end of October. If you would like additional information, you can access the following link: [New Jersey | Reporting \(mypersonsupport.com\)](#).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

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