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Dear 3rd - 8th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Beginning on Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 10, students in Grades 3 through 8 will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for ELA and Math. Our students in Grades 5 and 8 will also take the NJSLA-Science Assessment on Thursday, May 16 and Friday, May 17. The federal government and the State of New Jersey mandate that we administer the NJSLA to all students in Grades 3 through 8 to assess how our students perform according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

It is important for your child to be successful on the NJSLA. These objective, standardized assessments provide us with critical performance data that enables allows us to best understand each of our students. The NJSLA also serves as a measure of teacher effectiveness and is used to compare our school to others both locally and across the state. SBS will be utilizing this year's NJSLA data for use as placement criteria in several of our educational programs, including our Enrichment Program and our Advanced Math Program.

To guarantee the most positive testing experience:

- Please ensure that your child has an adequate amount of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each testing session.
- Please arrive on time for school. Once testing has started, anyone who is tardy will not be permitted into the testing room until that section is completed.
- To ensure testing security, please know that we expect all of our students to leave their cell phones and personal belongings outside of the testing site.
- Students should be prepared to follow their examiner's directions explicitly as any violation of testing protocols may result in sanctions for the district, and ultimately for students.

On Wednesday, April 10th, SBS will be conducting an NJSLA simulation to ensure that our hardware and technology infrastructure are ready for the actual test dates and to allow students and teachers to become comfortable with the assessment and testing procedures.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and partnership. I encourage you to visit our school website for more information about the testing schedule, NJSLA, and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning the NJSLA process.

Sincerely,

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