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Dear BTS Families,

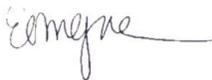
We hope the fall has started with you all well, healthy, and eager to begin a new year!

Earlier this year, the [NJDOE](#) provided information regarding plans for state testing, a component of the decision-making process utilized by the district about data, placement, and curriculum. Arguably, the challenges presented by the pandemic, remote learning, and hybridized instruction in the last year have challenged us all. To that end, the NJDOE opted to *postpone the spring 2021* assessment window for students and move it to a fall assessment window. This information has now been shared and students in grades 4-8 will be required to participate in a fall digital assessment, known as the [Start Strong Assessment](#). This digital assessment ‘snapshot’ designed to be one 45-60 minute session, will be captured for both Math and English/Language Arts in grades 4-8, as well as Grade 6 science, and will be given in early October. 2021.

The district continues to utilize [Renaissance Learning \(STAR\) assessments](#) in grades 1-8, triennially to capture snapshot data on students to maintain, guide, and inform practice in the classroom about Mathematics and Language Arts. Renaissance, similar to Start Strong, runs one period and can be completed in 20-40 minutes digitally. The [CogAT](#) test will continue to be utilized in grades 2 & 4 for enrichment purposes and will be offered in the Spring of 2022 as well as [ACCESS testing for ELL](#) for English Language Learners which will begin in April of 2022. The Spring window of the [NJSLA](#) will continue and is tentatively scheduled for May 2022. Please be advised that the spring testing windows will be shared on the district calendar and via school messenger.

Thank you for your continued support, feedback, and patience. As additional information is provided from the state, we will pass it along. Additionally, feel free to contact your child’s teacher, or building Principal if you have any questions regarding assessments.

Sincerely,



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