## LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 4, 2022

Dear Laurel Springs School Families,

The Laurel Springs School District provides a comprehensive assessment program to document student growth and show progress over time. It includes the use of authentic performance-based assessments in the classroom and standardized assessments that demonstrate aptitude, as well as proficiency. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science will be administered in our district in May. Testing will take place in the morning according to the assessment schedule below for this school year, 2021-22.

- Grades 3-6: May 2-6<sup>th</sup> (ELA & Math) / Make-ups as needed week of March 9th
- Grade 5: May 9-10<sup>th</sup> (Science)

To support and encourage your child's efforts to succeed, we suggest the following strategies as everyday practices.

- Arrive on time to school each day.
- Encourage a consistent bedtime and bedtime routine.
- Eat breakfast.
- Encourage your children to work to the best of their individual ability and broadcast a positive outlook.

Standardized testing results are utilized in conjunction with a variety of other authentic assessment tools to document students' growth over time as they progress from grade to grade, as well as identify students for additional support, if needed. Assessment remains a vital part in the cycle of teaching and learning for both teachers and students. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mahlman Principal Janet Cybulski Testing Coordinator

