



April 26, 2021

Greetings Roxbury Parents and Guardians:

On two earlier occasions this year, letters were sent home providing some information about the prospect of standardized testing administration this spring. The information has not been complete because we have been waiting for finalized administration details from the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

As standardized testing approached, the NJDOE appealed to the USDOE for a waiver from the requirement of administering the NJSLA testing this year. The NJDOE announced on April 14, 2021, that based on their submission to the USDOE, a one-time waiver has been granted for this year's NJSLA administration in ELA, mathematics, and science. Therefore, the Roxbury School District, along with other school districts state-wide, will not be administering the NJSLA testing this spring.

Please be advised that as a part of this announcement, we were also informed that there will be a requirement to administer the Start Strong Assessment next fall. We are still awaiting additional details about this administration but at this point, it has been shared that this assessment will be administered in person only for all students (except those eligible for DLM) and will be administered in ELA grades 4 - 10, Math grades 4 - 8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Science grades 6, 9, & 12 within the window of September 13 through October 22. The administrative team will work to develop a schedule once we are made aware of additional details, such as testing duration and quantity of units being administered in each discipline. Finally, the NJDOE has also shared that there will be a requirement for all school districts to administer the 2022 Spring NJSLA assessment in ELA, mathematics, and science.

Once we have further details about the two testing administrations next year, we will be certain to communicate them to our community. Should you have any questions about this announcement or the future impact of it as it pertains to your child(ren), please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Seipp".

Charles Seipp, Ed. D.