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April 15, 2021

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

On March 30th, we shared a detailed letter with updated information regarding the Statewide Assessments. As of Friday, April 9th, we have received an additional update from the state.

The United States Department of Education (USED) responded to the waiver request submitted by our state and has determined that a Start Strong Assessment in fall of 2021 will satisfy the requirements thus negating the need for a waiver of assessments. **At this time, the Spring 2021 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) administration is canceled.**

*The USED did not waive requirements to administer the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), therefore, this testing will continue as scheduled with the window for our school running from April 26<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>.*

As a reminder, our school uses the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) alternate assessment for our students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Guidance has been provided that **only in-person students** may participate in the DLM Assessment. *Per your child's IEP, if they are scheduled to participate in the DLM testing, then you have the option to bring your child to the school to participate in testing.* More details regarding this are being sent directly to families who this is applicable for.

If you would like additional information about the Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessment, please visit <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>.

If you have questions, please contact me at 609-261-5600 x2104 or via e-mail [khardgrove@burlicoschools.org](mailto:khardgrove@burlicoschools.org)

Sincerely,

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