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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Beginning March 27, 2017, the New Jersey Department of Education will administer PARCC testing in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for students in grades 3-11.

The PARCC test provides a deeper level of information about student progress than previous tests, which makes it a valuable tool to measure student performance. PARCC identifies the areas in each subject where a student needs additional support and where he or she has mastered the content and can be challenged to go deeper into the subject matter – information that is useful for parents, teachers, students, and school administrators.

We strongly encourage full participation in the PARCC Assessment to ensure that every student has the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in college and career readiness, and to meet the NJDOE graduation requirement.

The PARCC schedule for your school is posted on the East Orange School District website. Please visit [www.eastorange.k12.nj.us](http://www.eastorange.k12.nj.us) to view the schedule. Once on the District website, please select “Parent-Information” which is listed under quick link, and then select PARCC.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kevin R. West*

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