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Dear Pequannock Township School District Families:

This letter serves to inform you of the district's schedule for the 2021 Start Strong Assessments that will be administered to students in the following content areas: English Language Arts (ELA) grades 4-10, Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, and in Science grades 6, 9, and 12. Each unit will require one day of testing, and our schedule is broken into 2-3 days per school.

Elementary Schools

Grades	Content Area	Date	Length of Testing Unit
4-5	ELA	September 27th	45-60 minutes
4-5	Math	September 28th	45-60 minutes

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Grades	Content Area	Date	Length of Testing Unit
6-8	ELA	October 4th	45-60 minutes
6-8	Math	October 5th	45-60 minutes
6	Science	October 6th	45-60 minutes

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Grades	Content Area	Date	Length of Testing Unit
9-10	ELA	October 4th	45-60 minutes
Varies	Algebra I and II, and Geometry	October 5th	45-60 minutes
9 and 12	Science	October 6th	45-60 minutes

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss the exam. Once the test has begun, a student may not enter the testing room. Students who are tardy or absent will be required to take the assessment on the designated make up day, which will vary by school.

The New Jersey Department of Education offers resources to families to help [prepare students for the assessments](#) and our staff will ensure that students understand the expectations for these assessments. While the Start Strong is a standardized assessment that looks like the state test that will take place later in the school year, it should not be a source of tension or anxiety for our students. They need to be prepared to do their best. We simply ask that they try their hardest and take the test seriously as the results will help to guide our instruction in the ensuing months.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor or school administrator.

Sincerely,

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