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Dear Parents:

I am taking this opportunity to provide you some information regarding the second round of the computer based assessment known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers commonly known as PARCC.

River Dell Regional High School students in grades nine, ten and eleven are scheduled to begin the examination process on Wednesday, April 29 and conclude it on Thursday, April 30. Make-up exams will take place during the week of May 4. Please refer to the attached schedule for more detailed information.

River Dell Middle School students in grade seven are scheduled to begin the examination process on Wednesday, May 6 and conclude it on Thursday, May 7. Make-up exams will take place during the week of May 11. River Dell Middle School students in grade eight will begin the examination process on Monday, May 4 and conclude it on Tuesday, May 5. Make-up exams will take place during the week of May 11. Please refer to the attached schedule for more detailed information.

River Dell will not provide alternate settings for any student during the administering of the PARCC examination except those required by an IEP or 504 Plan. All staff members will be involved in the administration of the exam or engaged in regular instruction for those students who do not take the exam. If a student is present in the building, he/she will report to their assigned location to complete the exam. Students must log in and be exited from the computer-based assessment according to procedures outlined by the New Jersey Department of Education. Please be aware that River Dell's curriculum is the PARCC exam on the days when it is being administered. Students who are absent on the scheduled testing days will be required to participate in a make-up session.

The allotted time for each section of the exam is generous. In anticipation of many students completing the exam prior to the allowed time, all students are encouraged to bring paper-based reading material with them on exam days so that they may read quietly after they are exited from the exam and while other students complete the test. Personal electronics will not be permitted during the exam sessions.

I am confident that the students and staff are well prepared for the exam and that the administration will run smoothly causing as minimal a disruption to our educational program as possible. Additional information is available on the district's website at www.riverdell.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PJF", written over a faint horizontal line.

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

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