



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Governor Phil Murphy received confirmation that New Jersey has received the waiver to cancel State Testing for this spring assessment window.

Here is an excerpt from the Commissioner of Education' directive to educators, Dr. Repollet:

The U.S. Department of Education (USDE) has notified states that it will grant a waiver to any state that is unable to assess its students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing relief from federally mandated testing, accountability, and reporting requirements for this school year. With students unable to attend school due to the COVID-19-related closures, it is not feasible to move forward with statewide testing. As such, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has applied for the waiver and the USDE has granted approval of the waiver. Therefore, New Jersey will not be required to administer a statewide assessment for federal accountability purposes.

Refer to the NJDOE's COVID-19 webpage for more information on these and other issues as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,
Mr. Daniel Layton
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