



# TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear 4th-8th Grade Parents,

Next week, all students in grades 4-8 will take the “Start Strong” assessment that has been offered to schools by the NJ Department of Education. This assessment will test students’ knowledge of English Language Arts (ELA) and Math content from last year’s grade level to help us understand if any additional support may be necessary for them during this school year. While similar to the NJSLA statewide assessments in format and administration, results from these tests will NOT be included in your students’ permanent records. While results will be shared with parents, they are only intended for internal TCCS use.

Students will be taking these assessments at home online and guided by their homeroom teacher or resource room pull-out teacher during the following days and times:

Grades 4-6

ELA: 9am (Extended Homeroom) on Wednesday, 12/9

Math: 9am (Extended Homeroom) on Thursday, 12/10

Grades 7-8

ELA: 2pm (Homeroom Check-In period) on Wednesday, 12/9

Math: 2:30pm (In place of Office Hours) on Thursday, 12/10

Information for logging into virtual classrooms and accessing the online tests will be shared by teachers in Google Classroom. Please encourage your students to log in on time for the above sessions and visit <https://bit.ly/njdoessp> for a parent guide with more information about the test administration and recommendations for providing an appropriate testing environment at home.

You can also visit the NJDOE assessments website at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/> for more information on the Start Strong Assessments.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Ralph Gallo

Lead Person / Director