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Vanessa Montorsi, Director of Pupil Services and Counseling

Dear Grade 11 Parent or Guardian,

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As part the State of Connecticut's assessment plan to measure the progress of students, as well as our district's adoption of the academic standards promoted by the State Department of Education, we will be administering the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment to all students in Grade 11.

The state requires assessments in the subject areas of English language arts and mathematics using the Smarter Balanced Assessment at the elementary and middle school levels, and in Grade 11 using the Connecticut School Day SAT, which can also be used as a college entrance exam. The state also requires assessments in science in Grades 5, 8, and 11, using the NGSS Assessment.

Students in Grade 11 will be assigned to take the NGSS Assessment between April 1-8. Students will take the NGSS Assessment with their homeroom on one of the aforementioned dates. The *estimated* amount of time a student will need to complete the test is 90 minutes. The tests are untimed and students may be provided as much time as they need to finish.

Students will test on their school issued Chromebook since the NGSS Assessment is administered on computers. If a student does not have a Chromebook, loaners will be available in the testing room. Students who have a 504 or IEP will receive their respective accommodations.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Montorsi

Director of Pupil Services & Counseling