DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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October 8, 2018

Parents and Guardians,

Your son/daughter will be taking part in the Academic Merit Assessment on the afternoon of October 23rd to assess his/her critical thinking, reading and writing skills. This assessment will be double blind scored by Northern Valley Demarest High School English and Social Studies staff that has received training through a company called Academic Merit. The intent of this process is to enhance alignment of writing practices across our continuum of education. The assessment will be given again during high school to track each student's growth. The results of this assessment will also be used as a data point for high school placement.

The assessment is being administered to all eighth grade students attending Northern Valley public schools. The assessment will generate useful data for the eighth grade and high school teachers to use in classroom instruction.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Principal