LUTHER LEE EMERSON SCHOOL DEMAREST PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Next month, your child will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) formerly known as PARCC. These Assessments will be for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. NJSLA uses the same online platform as PARCC; however, changes to the assessment have been made. The NJSLA is a shorter assessment in regards to test questions, therefore there is a reduction in testing untis for both ELA and Mathematics. Below you will find the schedule of testing for your child for the upcoming NJSLA Assessments. Please also see page 2 and 3 of this letter which compares the units and testing times for both ELA and Mathematics in regards to PARCC and NJSLA.

NJSLA Schedule:

ELA Grades 3-4: April 8, 2019 and April 9, 2019 Math Grades 3-4: April 10, 2019 - April 12, 2019

Testing will consist of two units of English Language Arts, and three units of Mathematics.

Make-Up Testing:

ELA and Math Grades 3-4: April 22 – 26, 2019

We ask for your assistance and cooperation in the following areas:

- 1. Each student should bring in earbuds to use during testing. All earbuds will be stored in each student's testing location until completion of NJSLA.
- 2. Discuss with your child the importance of putting forth his/her best effort.
- 3. Make sure your child gets an adequate amount of sleep, has a good breakfast and arrives at school punctually.
- 4. Stress the importance of a positive attitude, but avoid raising undue anxiety. Your child has been well prepared by our staff and should view this as an opportunity to confidently display the knowledge and skills he/she has learned.
- 5. Please refrain from sending your child in with a Apple or smart watch. If they want to bring to school they must drop it off in the office until testing is completed.

It is extremely important that your child be in attendance on these days for test administration. A cooperative, positive effort on the part of parents/guardians and teaching staff will lead to a successful experience for your child.

Sincerely, **Frank J. Mazzini** Mr. Frank Mazzini Principal