

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Coleman School Family Member,

Students in New Jersey public schools will be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments again this year. The New Jersey Department of Education requires student participation in state-required assessments.

There is no “opt out” protocol by which parents can elect to have their child(ren) exempt from taking the test. If parents refuse to allow their child to take the PARCC assessment, they must submit a signed written letter to me no later than Friday, March 31. I need an original signature on the letter so E-mail will not suffice. This notice of refusal to participate in the test must be submitted no later than ten (10) business days before the testing window begins. We will be administering the assessment to third grade the week of April 24 and to fourth and fifth grades the week of May 1. The tests are a week long.

Students who do not take the PARCC assessment will be assigned to a room in the school where the test isn't being administered. Please be aware that once a test refusal is recorded within the NJSMART system, it cannot be reversed.

The district considers the administration of the PARCC assessment to be our curriculum for those days when testing is scheduled. Therefore, there will be no alternate instruction or curriculum for students who do not take the test.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Edward Steenstra Thompson

