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Dear Parents:

As you may be aware, April 16th marks the opening of our Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing window. Harrington Middle School will administer the PARCC Test by grade level on the following dates:

Grade 7 & Grade 8: Language Arts – May 8, May 9, May 10, 2018

Grade 7 & Grade 8: Math – May 15, May 16, May 17, 2018

Make up sessions: Week of May 21st

Harrington students in Grades 7 and 8 will test their knowledge of Language Arts and Mathematics. Total testing time for individual students on the PARCC is estimated at approximately nine hours over the course of six days.

PARCC testing will be administered via a computer. Students have been made familiar with tools and functions necessary for testing. Headphones / ear buds are necessary for testing and we are asking students to bring headphones / ear buds in from home for health reasons. Any set of **corded** double ear buds or headphones will suffice. Headphones / ear buds should be brought in a plastic bag and labeled with your child's full name to leave in school for the testing period.

This is the fourth year of mandated PARCC testing in the state of New Jersey. Previously, our students took the NJ ASK Test for all subject areas. The NJ ASK will be used only for Science and only in Grades 5 and 8. NJ ASK Science will be administered to grade 8 on June 5th & June 6th, with make-ups on June 7th.

You can learn more about this particular assessment, and find helpful hints on how to help your child with test-taking of any sort on our district website at mtlaurelschools.org. Go to the PARCC link at the top of the page.

Please inform your student that they are not allowed to use unauthorized electronic devices.

Sincerely,

Keith Land
Interim Principal