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Dr. Richard Tomko, Superintendent
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Subject: State Assessments: District Participation in the Spring 2019 English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test

Dear Dr. Richard Tomko:

Your district has been randomly selected to participate in the English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test for the spring 2019 administration of the state assessments. Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program and will be embedded in the operational assessment for districts selected to participate in spring 2019. The primary purpose of ELA field testing is to evaluate test questions and tasks among different sample groups of students.

All students in tested grades in your district will participate in the field test. Students taking the field test will be administered a total of three units: Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3. Any one of the three units may be the field test unit. It is the district's responsibility to administer all units.

The field test session is embedded in the NJTRAx state assessments readiness rating calculation, so district schedules and readiness should already incorporate a third unit and the time needed for field testing. Therefore, if districts used the NJTRAx tool to gauge their technology readiness and their rating is green, they should be able to administer the assessment within the testing window. Districts that participated in the spring 2017 or spring 2018 Field Test, will not be required to participate in the Spring 2019 ELA Field Test.

If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

Thank you,

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