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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students in the Class of 2020:

We have recently been made aware of an error in the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) guidance about NJ high school graduation requirements for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC.) This error has impacted public schools across the state.

A previously published chart provided by the NJDOE was included in our [2018 PARCC and Graduation Requirements Letter](#). The district published this letter in April 2018; it reflected the most up-to-date guidance that the NJDOE provided at that time. On May 18th, 2018 the NJDOE sent a clarifying memo about high school graduation requirements. The "clarification" shone a spotlight on the fact that only a few days before, the state changed the graduation requirements and updated its chart for the Class of 2020.

Furthermore, on May 23, 2018 the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA) confirmed that "*the Department acknowledges that a chart issued in the summer of 2017, that has been utilized by school districts with parents and students, in fact, contained **incorrect information** according to the code N.J. A. C. 6A:8-50(f).*"

As a result, students in grade 10 are required to take every PARCC assessment s/he is eligible for until such time that both the Algebra I and English Language Arts 10 PARCC are passed. The NJDOE [asserts there are other pathways](#) available to students in order to fulfill their graduation requirements; however, they are only available to students in order to meet high school graduation requirements. . This clearly contradicts the previous NJDOE guidance that the state articulated and we messaged out to the community in the aforementioned 2018 PARCC and Graduation Requirements Letter.

Even though we began high school testing this year on May 16th and the new NJDOE guidance was confirmed on May 18, the state has not provided districts an extended window in which to complete PARCC testing this year. There is a Fall Administration Block that is available November 26, 2018 to January 15, 2019. **MHS 10th grade students who did not participate in the PARCC assessments this year but still need to meet the necessary assessment requirements for graduation will test during the aforementioned Fall block.**

We are committed to ensuring all Millburn students meet the state's assessment requirements for graduation.

We will be sending more information in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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