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Route To: Principals, District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Educators
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Release of Additional Resources to Support Implementation of New Statewide Assessment System

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is releasing additional materials designed to support schools and districts as they prepare for the spring implementation of the new statewide assessment system. These materials supplement the resources on the [NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A](#) website and the [New Jersey Assessments Portal](#). They were developed in response to questions and feedback gathered during the recent series of information sessions that engaged thousands of stakeholders statewide.

Newly developed resources include:

- **Preparing for NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A One-Pagers for Students and Families:**
Two additional documents may be shared with the school community. These one-pagers direct students and families to free online practice tests designed to help students become familiar with the testing platform, item formats, and available tools and features they will use during the NJGPA-A or NJSLA-A. The one-pagers can be found on the [NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A](#) website.
- **Sample Parent/Guardian Letter:**
To assist districts in communicating with families, the NJDOE has developed a customizable and optional template letter. This sample communication explains the purpose of the new assessment system and some key aspects of the new assessments. The letter can be found on the [NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A](#) website.
- **Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document:**
This updated [FAQ](#) incorporates questions submitted by district and school leaders, educators, assessment staff, and parents during the statewide information sessions. It provides clarification on assessment design, administration procedures, accessibility features and accommodations, reporting, and requirements for the spring administration.
- **On-demand Information Session Presentation:**
A recorded information session is now available on the [NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A](#) website and the New Jersey Assessments Portal under the "[Resources](#)" section. It contains the same content as the live statewide meetings and is intended for school staff and community members.
- **NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A Writing Rubrics:**
To support districts with information on how the writing prompts will be scored, the NJGPA-A and NJSLA-A Writing Rubrics are now available. The document can be found on the [NJSLA-A/NJGPA-A](#) website and on the New Jersey Assessments Portal under Resources.

Districts are encouraged to review these materials and share them with appropriate staff to support dissemination to families and readiness for implementation.

Contact Information

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