



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: April 27, 2018  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
From: Lamont Repollet, Acting Commissioner of Education  
Action: *Districts are encouraged to forward this memo to staff and families.*

### **NJDOE Calls for Public Input to Inform New Jersey's Next Generation of Statewide Assessments**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is [seeking input](#) from superintendents, teachers, test administrators, parents/caregivers, students and other stakeholders about how to best transition to the next generation of statewide assessments. The first phase of outreach will begin in May.

Stakeholder input will play an integral role in the NJDOE's short- and long-term plans for, and improvements to, the statewide assessment program. The NJDOE is particularly interested in perspectives on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), which is the current statewide assessment in math and English language arts/literacy. Public input is needed to determine what elements of the statewide assessment program work well, and what areas need improvement.

One specific way to engage is through Statewide Assessment Collaboratives. These Collaboratives will represent interested stakeholders from across New Jersey who have direct and diverse experiences with the realities of statewide assessments and who represent various New Jersey education and community stakeholder groups. The Collaboratives will meet for a single half-day to reflect on experiences and to form recommendations for the future of statewide assessment in New Jersey.

If you are interested in participating in a Statewide Assessment Collaborative, please complete and submit an [online interest form](#) by **May 8 at 11:59 p.m. Locations and other details will be published by May 11.**

Additional ways to engage include:

1. Watch an online recorded webinar and complete a questionnaire (details will be available on the [NJDOE Assessments webpage](#) later in the month).
2. Contact [assessment@doe.nj.gov](mailto:assessment@doe.nj.gov) if you have any comments or questions regarding the statewide assessment program. Specific recommendations to enhance the current program or support for elements of the current program are encouraged.

All feedback will be recorded, responded to, and included in our planning for the future of assessment in New Jersey.

As noted in a [March 6, 2018 NJDOE memo](#) to school districts, following these conversations the NJDOE will present a plan to transition to New Jersey's next generation of standardized statewide assessments. In the meantime, the current statewide assessments, as well as federal and state accountability and graduation requirements, all remain in effect until changes to the regulations are announced.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
NJDOE Staff  
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

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