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RE: Start Strong Assessments - Fall 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

First, on behalf of the entire educational community at Paulsboro Public Schools, I would like to take this time to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We are especially excited to support you in accomplishing all your goals and will strive to provide you with everything you need to grow socially, emotionally and academically.

At this time, I would like to inform you that the Paulsboro Public School District will be administering the Start Strong Assessment at the end of September. The 2022 Start Strong Assessments will be administered to students in English Language Arts (ELA) grades 4-10, Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and in Science grades 6, 9 and 12. Each tested area will consist of one unit and will be approximately 45-60 minutes in length per unit.

These assessments are designed to identify the areas where support is needed in the context of grade level standards. Additionally, allowing educators immediate access to results gives them the flexibility to address students' individual needs in the beginning of the school year. As with regular testing, students who are permitted extra time or other accommodations as per their IEP or 504 plan will have access to those accommodations on the Start Strong assessment as well.

If you would like more information, additional resources for the Start Strong Assessment can be found at <u>"Start Strong Testing Resources"</u>.

As always, we appreciate and thank you for your support as we begin the 2022-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Christine Lindenmuth
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