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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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I am writing to you to encourage you to have your child(ren) participate in this spring's state assessment, commonly known as PARCC. We greatly appreciate the support of those who had their children participate in the PARCC testing last spring. We ask that everyone either continue, or begin participating in the PARCC test this spring. Below are some of the basic reasons why students should not only take, but also do their best on the PARCC test:

- The PARCC test can provide indicators for students, it can demonstrate mastery or it can show where students may need additional support which can help educators adjust instruction appropriately.
- Students graduating as members of the classes of 2017 through 2019 can meet graduation assessment requirements through a variety of ways, including: (1) Achieving passing scores on certain PARCC assessments; (2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or (3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process. (Special Education students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their IEPs.)
- The Class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same alternative means as those in the Classes of 2017 through 2019, provided that students in the Class of 2020 take all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible. For the Class of 2021 and thereafter, students who have not demonstrated proficiency on the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments, and have taken all PARCC assessments associated with the high-school level courses for which they were eligible, can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency by meeting the criteria of the portfolio appeals process. Refusal for a Class of 2020 student is highly discouraged as it may impact the student's ability to graduate high school in the state of NJ.
- Buena Regional School District will be investing time, energy and money in fulfilling the state testing requirement; better participation and data collection will make the effort more valuable. We thank you for your support in helping us to have a successful state testing season. It is important for your child to be well rested and on time for school.

If there are any questions regarding PARCC please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

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