

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Second Grade Parents/Guardians,

For many years, the South Brunswick School District has administered the NJPASS Test in Mathematics to its second grade students. The NJPASS is not a State Mandated test, but an assessment tool used specifically by the District.

Over time, teachers and administrators have found that the data reported from the NJPASS has not been an accurate reflection of student performance. Because our District curriculum is closely aligned with State standards and is far more rigorous than the benchmarks on the NJPASS, the test was not yielding useful data on what our students truly know and are able to do.

This letter is to inform you that beginning this year, the District will not be administering the NJ PASS Math Test. Instead, we will be administering an in-house End-of-Year Math Assessment that is both curriculum and standards based. This change in the math testing for Grade 2 will allow teachers to identify what students have learned after a year of grade level mathematics instruction.

As such, please note that there will be no standardized testing for second grade occurring during the week of April 7, 2008 as noted on the District calendar. The end-of-year testing will take place in late May as per our current practice of math assessment K-5.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Nicole Pormilli, Curriculum and Instruction Project Specialist, 732-297-7800 (ext. 3121) or Stacey Ta, K-5 Math Staff Developer (ext. 3152).

Sincerely,

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