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Stewart Potter, Superintendent
Quinton Township School District
8 Robinson Street
Quinton, NJ 08072

Subject: District Participation in the Spring 2023 English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test

Dear Mr. Potter:

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has randomly selected your district to participate in the English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test for the spring 2023 state assessments. Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program and will be embedded in the operational assessment for districts selected to participate in spring 2023. The primary purpose of the ELA field test is to evaluate test items (i.e., test questions) and tasks among different sample groups of students across the state.

Last year (spring 2022) NJDOE sampled a representative group made up of 50% of districts with a goal of refreshing the bank, after two years with no opportunity to add new content to the bank. This year and next, the remaining 50% of districts that did not field test in 2022 were divided into two representative groups of 25%. One group will field test in 2023 and the other will field test in 2024. Districts selected to participate last year (spring 2022) are not included in the spring 2023 field test sample and will also not be included in the spring 2024 sample.

All students in tested grades in your district, including grade 11 students taking the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, will participate in the field test. Students taking the field test will be administered a total of three units: Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3. Any one of the three units may be the field test unit. It is the district's responsibility to administer all units.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of Assessments at assessment@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3960.

Sincerely,

John Boczany, Acting Director
Office of Assessments

c: Angelica Allen-McMillan, Ed.D., Acting Commissioner of Education
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