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Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because you have a child(ren) currently enrolled in Algebra I. It is essential that you read and understand the implications of taking and passing the PARCC Algebra I test as a State mandated graduation requirement. Students in the cohorts of 2020 and beyond will not be permitted to “refuse to test.” To do so would mean the student(s) would not meet the graduation requirements set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Board of Education.

On August 3, 2016, the New Jersey Board of Education approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for the graduating cohorts of 2016 through 2021, and beyond. These new state regulations (New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:8-5.1) became effective on September 6, 2016, and describe the pathways that students can take to meet the ELA and mathematics high school graduation assessment requirements.

Under the new regulations, students in the graduating cohorts of 2020 and beyond must take all of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments in ELA and mathematics, and receive a valid score in order to meet the ELA and mathematics high school graduation assessment requirements. **Beginning with the cohort of 2021, passing scores of 750 or better are required for the PARCC Algebra I and PARCC ELA 10.**

We are writing to inform you of what is required and to prepare you for the possible ramifications if these requirements are not met. We also want to assure you that we will provide your child(ren) with the supports to successfully graduate from high school.

Should a student not meet the passing score, she/he will be required to take a remediation course and re-take the PARCC Algebra I assessment. The assessment may be taken multiple times. Should a student not successfully meet the score requirement by the senior year of high school, the State has a Portfolio Appeals Process available as the last alternative to meet the requirement.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kat D’Ambra, District Testing Coordinator, at kdambra@mtps.com. It is our goal to have every student cross the graduation stage; we rely on our partnership with you to meet this goal.

Sincerely,

Andrew Seibel