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Dear Parents/Guardians of 11th graders:

On March 5, 6 & 7, our eleventh graders will be taking the Grade 11 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). By state law, students who entered high school in September 1991, or thereafter, must pass this test as a graduation requirement.

The test will be administered as follows:

March 5– Mathematics Section	2 hrs. 32 mins.
March 6 – Language Arts Literacy – Day 1	2 hrs. 10 mins.
March 7 – Language Arts Literacy – Day 2	2 hrs. 1 min.

Juniors will receive passes indicating the room to which they should report. They must report no later than 7:50 AM. Testing will begin promptly at 7:55 AM. Students must bring at least two (2) *SHARPENED* #2 pencils every day and a calculator for the Mathematics session on Day 1.

No food, drink, or jackets will be allowed in the testing room. Electronic devices such as cell phones, and mp3 players must be turned off and in a backpack or turned in to the examiner until testing has concluded.

After test administration on March 5, 6, & 7, we will operate on a delayed opening schedule. The schedule will be as follows for all students:

March 5	C day schedule
March 6	D day schedule
March 7	A day schedule

We hope that this format allows our juniors to perform to their best ability on the HSPA. Students not passing the HSPA will be placed in a **MANDATORY** tutorial program in Math and/or Language Arts in September.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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