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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Tuesday, May 21st & Wednesday, May 22nd, all students currently taking any level of Biology for the first time will be taking the state-mandated New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT). All New Jersey public high school students, regardless of grade level, (grades 9-12) who are enrolled in a biology course during the 2012-2013 school year, must take the Biology Competency Test. It is imperative that students take this assessment seriously and are present for both days of the test.

The test will be administered as follows:

May 21st – NJBCT- Day 1	**2 hours 17 minutes**
May 22nd – NJBCT- Day 2	**2 hours 7 minutes**

- The testing will start promptly at 7:55 am and end approximately 10:20 am on Tuesday and 10:15 am on Wednesday.
- Room Assignments will be posted in the front lobby.
- All students must bring at least two **sharpened** #2 pencils with erasers. *No pens are allowed.*
- Students may **not** use calculators, dictionaries, or any other reference materials.
- Students are not permitted to have cell phones, MP3 players, or any other unauthorized electronics in any testing room. ***Any student found to have unauthorized electronics in his or her possession while in a testing room will have his or her answer folder voided for that section of the test.***
- Students are not permitted to bring any food or drink into the testing site.
- Students will report to their regularly scheduled classes when the testing is completed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's counselor.

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Sincerely,

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