



## LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

PAUL M. DIRUPO  
Superintendent

April 7, 2017

Dear Lenape Families,

I want to address the PARCC testing results that you may have read about in the newspapers. The results that were printed are from the 2015-2016 school-year. In speaking with our students and teachers, making careful analysis of grading reports and data gleaned from other tests such as the SAT and AP, we spent the summer of 2016 developing a strategy to improve our standing. Our action plan included close monitoring of the teaching of the New Jersey standards and the ongoing collection of data to make changes to the curriculum and instruction. We hope that our efforts will produce improved scores for those students taking the PARCC examination this school-year.

Another dynamic about PARCC that we addressed was the students' mindset regarding test. When PARCC was first announced in New Jersey, many of our students reported that they approached it in a nonchalant manner as there were confusing communications from Trenton about value of the test with respect to their graduation. Nevertheless, we have asked staff to create activities that mirror the testing situation and to remind our students to give it their best effort as its results would be a reflection on all of us.

So what does this mean for our students? For many years, whether it was the HSPT or the HSPA, and now the PARCC, New Jersey has had an assessment required of students in order to graduate. For our current student body, the Department of Education has recognized qualifying scores on other assessments to be considered in lieu of the PARCC for meeting graduation requirements. This list includes the: ACT, AP, ASVAB, PSAT, and SAT. Subsequently, many of our students have already met a graduation requirement.

When the results of this year's test are reported to us in the Spring of 2018, we will continue to make the necessary adjustments to our instructional program and curriculum so as to afford our students the best opportunity for success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul M. DiRupo".

Paul M. DiRupo  
Superintendent