



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Participant,

The United States Department of Education (USED) responded to the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) assessment waiver request on April 6, 2021. In that response, USED determined, due to the impact of COVID-19, the Start Strong assessments in English language arts (ELA), math, and science may serve as New Jersey's required general assessments for the 2020-2021 school year, thus negating the need for a waiver of statewide assessments. Therefore, the spring 2021 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) administration will be canceled and the Start Strong assessments in ELA, math, and science will be administered in fall 2021. NJDOE will be providing more information and guidance regarding state assessments shortly.

Accordingly, the spring 2021 NJSLA District Test and Technology Coordinator (DTC) trainings, including the DTC Q&A sessions scheduled for the week of April 12th, are canceled and the Virtual Attendee Hub will be closed by end of day on Friday, April 9, 2021. The thoughtful questions that were shared through the On Demand Training Modules are sincerely appreciated, and they have been collected to help inform improvements to future trainings and resources.

Note: USED did not waive requirements to administer the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and the ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessments. Therefore, DLM and ACCESS administration will continue as described in the NJDOE's March 17, 2021 [broadcast](#), with an administration window from April 5 to June 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please send an email to assessment@doe.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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