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**Release of District Responsibility Regarding NJSLA Testing**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires all students to take state assessments as scheduled and there is no provision for a student to opt out of state assessments. If a student is absent on a testing date, the student will be expected to take the missed test on another school day.

Madison Board of Education Policy #2622 - **Pupil Assessment** also requires the district to administer state assessments and outlines the importance for students to take the tests seriously. The policy notes that the data collected will be used *“to pinpoint areas of difficulty and customize instruction accordingly. Such data can be accessed and utilized as a student progresses to successive school levels.”*

The district’s position is that students who are eligible for testing should participate in testing and should work to the best of their ability to reach proficiency. This approach provides the district with a valid snapshot of our performance and allows us to reflect on areas of success and areas in which we can make improvements. This approach also ensures that we are complying with the appropriate regulations.

If you still wish to release the district from its responsibility regarding NJSLA testing for your child, please print this form and sign the statement below. The form must be returned to your child’s principal by no later than Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. One copy is required for each child and electronic copies will not be accepted.

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I understand that participation in the state assessment system is required by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Madison Board of Education. I also understand that refusing to participate limits the district’s ability to access meaningful academic performance data for my child. I further acknowledge that if my child does not participate there will be no provision for an alternate educational experience as school resources will be devoted to NJSLA testing.

Understanding all of the foregoing information, I still refuse to allow my child to complete NJSLA testing and I release the district from its responsibility regarding state testing NJSLA testing for my child this year.

_____ School	_____ Student Name	_____ Grade
_____ Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date