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PRESS RELEASE

Camden City School District Shares Online Resources and Holds Family Meetings to Help Students and Parents Learn More about New State Test

In advance of New Jersey's new statewide assessment, Superintendent Rouhanifard announces new opportunities for students and families to stay informed

January 26, 2015 — Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ – As school districts across New Jersey prepare for a new state test, Camden City School District Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard today announced a series of family meetings and new set of online resources to help students and parents learn more about the upcoming assessment, known as PARCC (the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers).

Resources for families are now available at www.camden.k12.nj.us/parcc. The resources include answers to frequently asked questions and family-friendly opportunities to learn more about PARCC and the Common Core standards on which they are based.

“As New Jersey transitions to a new state test, students and parents deserve to be as informed as possible about these changes and opportunities,” said Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard. “Any transition presents challenges, but by working together I believe we can prepare students and staff to feel confident heading into the new assessment.”

In addition, the District is hosting a series of family meetings from February 9 – February 19 so parents can learn more about the new tests, and ask questions of District officials (see dates, times, and locations below). Many of the meetings, which will offer interpretation in Spanish, are being held in collaboration with members of the Advisory Board of Education or community partners.

“State tests can make students and parents nervous, and I applaud the Superintendent for taking these steps ahead of the testing dates to share any available information,” said Taisha Minier, an Advisory Board member and graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School who is hosting one of the meetings. “Schools’ focus needs to be on long-term learning, not short-term test prep. By alleviating concerns about the upcoming tests, I believe students and staff will be able to concentrate more on what matters.”

Here’s the schedule for the upcoming family meetings:

- February 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Woodrow Wilson High School, 3100 Federal Street
 - Hosted by Ms. Taisha Minier, Advisory Board member
- February 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m., MEL, Inc., Childcare Center, 1131-33 Haddon Avenue
 - Hosted by Minister Wasim Muhammad, Advisory Board member

- February 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Cooper’s Poynt Family School, 201 State Street
 - Hosted by Ms. Felisha Reyes-Morton, Advisory Board member
- February 18, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Hatch Family School, 1875 Park Boulevard
 - Hosted by Hatch Family School Community
- February 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Center For Family Services, Lanning Square, 588 Benson Street
 - Hosted by the Center For Family Services

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