



## ***Burch Charter School of Excellence***

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Dear Burch Parents/Guardians,

As you may already be aware, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has officially received approval from the United States Department of Education (USDOE) to cancel the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for school year 2020-2021. In New Jersey however, the ACCESS for ELLs and Dynamic Learning Maps (DLMs) will continued to be administered throughout the state for English Language Learners and Special Education students, respectively. Currently, Burch does not have students who will take either the ACCESS for ELLs or Dynamic Learning Maps.

In the fall of school year 2021-2022, New Jersey students will be assessed using the Start Strong benchmarking assessment as an alternative measurement for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. These shorter, standards-based assessments (Start Strong) will serve as New Jersey's required assessment for school year 2020-2021 and are USDOE approved.

More information will be provided in the coming months as we receive additional guidance from the NJDOE. We hope that this news helps provide so much needed relief to students, staff and parents during this most challenging school year as we want to end the 2020-2021 school year in a positive and strong manner.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the school.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Jeff White*

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Chief School Administrator