

Student Name _____
Homeroom Teacher _____

Teaching & Learning

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December 9, 2019

Dear NNPS School Families,

All elementary and middle school students in third through eighth-grade are expected to participate in the Virginia Assessment Program. Your student will take the Spring 2020 Non-Writing Standards of Learning (SOL) tests May 11 – 28, 2020. Required by the Virginia Department of Education, SOL tests measure individual student achievement in certain subject areas. A score of 400 or higher is a passing score. If you have questions about your child’s participation in state testing, please contact your child’s school.

The Virginia Board of Education decided that elementary and middle school students who fail SOL tests by narrow margins or because of extenuating circumstances may be retested before the end of the school year with parental permission. Students in grades 3 through 8 who score between 375 and 399 on grade level SOL tests (with the exception of writing tests) are eligible to retake the tests as long as they are passing the associated course or subject. Students who do not take the SOL test for legitimate reasons (illness, etc.) during its scheduled time are also eligible for expedited retakes.

Your child’s official test results will be sent to you at the end of the school year, however parents and guardians will be notified if their child is eligible for an expedited retake of an SOL test. Permission from a parent or guardian is required in order for students to participate in expedited retakes. Retaking a test may allow your student to improve his/her score and successfully pass the test. A decision not to retake an SOL test will not impact the student’s grade or academic record.

Please indicate your preference below and return this letter to your child’s homeroom teacher December 20, 2019.

- Yes, I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in an expedited retake for any subject in which he/she is eligible during the 2019-2020 school year.


- No, I do not wish for my child, _____, to participate in the expedited retake of any SOL test during the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent Signature

Date

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, please contact your child’s teacher or call your school’s main office.

Sincerely,


James Pohl, Ph.D.
Chief Academic Officer