

## Notice of PARCC Assessment Refusal

This document notifies the Principal and other relevant staff of \_\_\_\_\_ School that our/my child \_\_\_\_\_, who is in the \_\_\_\_ grade, will not be taking the PARCC assessments in the spring of 2018, or any makeup PARCC exams.

We/I recognize that New Jersey does not have an opt out law but that refusing PARCC or any standardized test is a right of every parent/guardian and does not require approval by the school district or charter school.

We/I further recognize that taking the PARCC 10<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Algebra 1 tests is currently a requirement for high school graduation for the classes of 2020 and beyond.

We/I further recognize that requiring the taking of these PARCC tests for graduation violates New Jersey law and is being challenged in court by the Education Law Center and ACLU NJ.

We/I further recognize that Governor Phil Murphy has committed on multiple occasions to eliminate PARCC and the graduation testing requirement.

We/I further recognize that the New Jersey law that requires passing a standardized test in order to graduate also requires that students have the ability to take that test multiple times in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, without completing any prior coursework, should they need to do so in order to graduate. Therefore, our/my child will have the option to take PARCC prior to graduation, should s/he wish to do so.

We/I further recognize that our/my district or charter school will not lose state funding because of PARCC refusals. Legislation was signed into law two years ago prohibits any such funding cuts.

We/I expect that our/my child will not be punished for our/my decision to refuse testing, and will be permitted to read, or participate in some other enriching activity, during the test.

We/I further expect that non-participation in testing will not affect any course placement decisions for our/my child.

This document shall serve as formal, written notification of our/my wishes.

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email(s) \_\_\_\_\_