

## Information Regarding Standardized Assessments:

- **Change from PARCC to NJSLA and a shortened test** – The shortened version of the NJSLA-ELA/Math measures the same constructs, and uses the same item banks, the same scale scores and performance levels as the previous years. NJSLA-ELA/Math results are comparable to the previous years' ELA and math results.
- The scores for grade 11 students are not included in the state summaries – Grade 11 students were not required to participate in statewide assessments starting with the 2018 –
- 2019 school year. Because state assessments at the high school level were restricted to grades 9 and 10, there were no uniform criteria among districts for testing grade 11 students and there was a wide variation in the number of grade 11 students tested across districts.
- Five Year Trend Data (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019) – After scores for grade 11 students were removed from the 2019 data set, the NJDOE developed a separate trend data file with the results of grade 11 student removed from the previous years' data to allow for a more meaningful trend comparison. The amended 5-year trend data (with grade 11 score results removed) will be available through a separate link on the assessment results webpage.
- District Factor Grouping (DFG) Information – The District Factor Groups (DFGs) were outdated, having last been updated following the 2000 census. Accordingly, the information was removed from spring 2019 assessment reports. In the coming year, NJDOE will begin developing new systems for district comparison.

