

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

I am writing to provide you with information about the 2022 Start Strong Individual Student Reports (ISRs), which will be available on the Genesis Parent Portal on Monday, December 12, 2022 and are also available in the NJ Parent Portal at <http://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com>.

There is one report for each content area in which your student tested. To view the ISRs in the NJ parent portal, parents/guardians must create an account. If you do not already have one, then use the claim code provided on the ISR.

The Start Strong assessments were designed to inform instruction by providing educators—as well as parents—with an early indication of the level of support students may need as they enter a new school year. The Start Strong assessments were given in the fall and assessed students on a subset of priority standards from the prior school year. For instance, a fifth-grade Start Strong mathematics test focused on fourth-grade New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These tests were created to help educators and families better understand, at the beginning of the school year, what educational supports students may need to succeed in the current school year.

Understanding the areas of need and opportunity to deliver instruction and supports for learning acceleration remains paramount at the New Jersey Department of Education. Pursuant to Commissioner's regulatory authority, local education agencies (LEAs) are required to administer the Start Strong as part of the overall Statewide assessment system.

The ISRs are meant to give you a sense of your student's understanding in the tested content areas. On the first page, you will see that your student was assigned a "support level" indicating how much support they may need in the content area during this school year. The second page includes a description of the major concepts that were assessed and the number of points your student earned for each one. You can use this ISR as a starting point for discussions with your student and your student's teacher(s). For instance, you may want to ask, "What additional supports are available to help my student during the school day and beyond regular school hours?" or "How will I know if my student is improving?"

We acknowledge the difficulty the pandemic has caused and thank you for all you have done during time. With your support and encouragement, we will continue to make sure our students have the best opportunities to learn, engage, and succeed. We are proud to partner with you in your student's educational journey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent

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