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TO:	Chief School Administrators Charter School Lead Persons
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Office of Assessments Division of Data, Research, Evaluation and Reporting

SUBJECT: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Release of the Mathematics Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) Practice Tests and Practice Tests with Accessibility and Accommodation Tools

The New Jersey Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Mathematics Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) practice tests. The math PBA practice tests are located here: <u>http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/</u>. The answer keys are posted at the following link: <u>http://www.parcconline.org/practice-test-answers</u>.

PARCC has created a useful document that includes links to practice tests that include the accessibility and accommodation tools that students may use on the PARCC assessment at the following webpage: <u>http://parcconline.org/accessibility-accommodations-and-fairness</u> It is highly recommended that all students who will be using the accessibility and accommodation tools become familiar with the functionality of the tools before they are administered the PARCC assessment.

If you have any additional questions and need assistance, please contact one of the Office of Assessments staff below:

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Thank you.

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