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TO: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads,  
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ROUTE TO: District and School Test Administrators, Information Technology Directors, Curriculum  
and Instruction Supervisors, Principals

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SUBJECT: **2018 Key Dates for (NJSLA-S)  
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science**

On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Measurement Incorporated (MI) is providing you with a reference sheet of key dates associated with the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) Spring 2018 Field Test Administration. We hope that you will find this to be a helpful resource in navigating the tasks and timelines associated with this new assessment.

As a reminder, the NJSLA-S Spring 2018 Field Test will be administered during the following testing windows:

Computer-Based Testing Administration – May 7 – June 8, 2018  
Paper-Based Testing Administration – May 14 – May 25, 2018

An email was recently sent to District Test Coordinators announcing the availability of online practice tests, which can be used to prepare for the upcoming NJSLA-S Spring 2018 Field Test Administration. During the field test, students will encounter item types similar to those commonly found in the PARCC assessments, such as drag and drop and multi-select. Parent, Student, and Teacher Guides, which provide helpful information about the new assessments, will be made available no later than March 12, 2018 via the [NJSLA-S website](#). Hard copies of these guides will also be shipped to districts/schools no later than April 2, 2018.

NJDOE, MI, and Pearson look forward to seeing you at the upcoming District Test Coordinator/Technology Coordinator Regional Training to answer any questions that you may have regarding the NJSLA-S Spring 2018 Field Test Administration.

In the meantime, if you have questions regarding the navigation of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> or TestNav, please contact Pearson's NJSLA-S Customer Support Center at 1-888-705-9416 (Monday-Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm ET) and select Option 1. If you have questions regarding paper-based testing, please select Option 2 for Measurement Incorporated. The [PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>](#) homepage also provides options for support via web form or online chat.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Key Date</b>
<b>Field Test Memo Sent to Districts</b>	12/1/17
<b>NJDOE Loads Participation Data File in PAN</b>	1/17/18
<b>Districts Upload SR/PNP Files in PAN</b>	Grade 5: 1/18/18 – 3/9/18 Grade 8 and High School: 1/18/18 – 2/2/18
<b>Practice Tests Available</b>	2/19/18
<b>Accommodative Practice Tests Available</b>	2/23/18-3/6/18
<b>Coordinator Manual Posted</b>	2/28/18*
<b>Parent Student Teacher Guide Available</b>	No later than 3/12/18 (online) No later than 4/2/18 (hard copy)
<b>District Test Coordinator/Technology Coordinator Regional Training</b>	North – 2/28/18 and 3/1/18 Central – 3/5/18 – 3/7/18 South – 3/8/18
<b>Materials Due in District</b>	4/24/18 – 4/26/18: Manuals for all districts 5/3/18 – 5/4/18: Regular Test Booklets for PBT 5/3/18 – 5/4/18: Accommodated Test Kits CBT 5/10/2018 – 5/11/18: Accommodated Test Kits PBT
<b>Additional Order Window</b>	4/27/18 – 5/15/18 Test Materials 5/16/18- 6/12/18 Coordinator Kit Materials Only
<b>Proctor Caching Available</b>	4/30/18
<b>Prepare Sessions Available</b>	5/4/18
<b>Testing Window</b>	Online: 5/7/18 – 6/8/18 Paper: 5/14/18 – 5/25/18
<b>Deadline to Return Paper-Based Testing Scorable and Non-scorable Materials to Measurement Inc</b>	No later than 1 week after PBT window closes.
<b>Deadline to Return Computer-Based Testing Non-scorable Materials to Measurement Inc</b>	6/12/18*