**SCIENCE TESTING UPDATE**

**Parent Meeting**

**Monday, December 13, 2010**

**END OF COURSE BIOLOGY**

* The assessment is now titled NJ Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)
* Administration Dates:
	+ - Regular Administration - May 17 -18, 2011
		- Make Up Dates: May 19 -20
* Test Format
	+ - Multiple choice questions
			* + 60 questions
		- Performance Assessment questions
			* + 2 questions; each 45 minutes in length
* Test Clusters:
	+ - Organization and Development
		- Matter and Energy Transformation
		- Interdependence
		- Heredity and Reproduction
		- Evolution and Diversity
* Scoring:
	+ - Advance Proficient
		- Proficient
		- Partially Proficient
* The test is a graduation requirement for first-time test takers for the 2010-2011 school year.
* Students who do not pass the assessment will have to complete online modules over the summer.