**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.