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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The NJ Department of Education requires us to notify you of any State assessment or commercially-prepared standardized test that will be administered to your child this school year. Enclosed is a chart of assessments administered to full-time academy students in Grade 9 - 12 at OCVTS.

I understand that there is a certain level of anxiety around standardized tests. These results do not affect the student's ability to graduate unless they are unable to meet one of the alternate measures the State is allowing. Participation is a district requirement. The test results are also used to retain Federal grant funding. I encourage you to view them as just one of the many measures OCVTS educators, administrators, and Department of Education officials use to measure how well the students, school, and its teachers are doing.

Please review the charts carefully to locate the information that pertains to your child. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's school counselor or the school principal.

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OCVTS has a strong record of achievement on these standardized exams largely due to the outstanding instruction of our teachers and dedication of our students. We are proud to be educating your child in their chosen career field and thank you for your support.

Very truly yours,

Karen L. Homiek  
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