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Dear Parents of Biology, Life Science and Science II Students:

As a student enrolled in a first-time high school Biology, Life Science or Science II class, your child is required by the State of New Jersey to take the NJ Biology Competency Test (NJBCT) this spring. All New Jersey public high school students, regardless of grade level, who are enrolled in a first-time biology course or its equivalent during the 2011-12 school year must take the test. The test is designed to measure whether they have gained the knowledge and skills identified in the Biology section of the NJ Science Core Curriculum Content Standards.

This year's test will be administered over two days, May 15 and 16, 2012, with the two make-up days of May 17 and 18. The test lasts approximately an hour and 45 minutes each day and will be administered as part of the regular school day. It is important your child be present to take the test on these dates.

The knowledge and skills tested on the NJBCT reflect the science curriculum of the Pine Hill Public Schools and science teachers make a concerted effort throughout the year to prepare our students for the test.

We have attached *Your Guide to the New Jersey Biology Competency Test, May 2012* for your review. This document contains common questions and answers about the test and should be informative for both you and your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 856-783-6900 x1111 or via email at lfitzpatrick@pinehill.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,

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