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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As a reminder, Governor Andrew Cuomo extended the school closures in New York State through April 29, 2020 in response to the current emergency caused by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic. In anticipation of the possibility that this would happen, your school principal worked with your child's teacher(s) to provide lessons and assignments through the month of April. Principals and teachers are prepared to continue providing lessons and assignments to students should Governor Cuomo extend school closures beyond April 29, 2020.

Also as a reminder, the New York State Board of Regents has cancelled the June 2020 administration of the New York State Regents Examinations. Therefore, there will be no Regents Examinations given in June 2020. The New York State Education Department has issued guidance on how this will be handled for students who were scheduled to take a Regents Examination. This information can be found at the New York State Education Department's website below:

<http://www.nysed.gov/news/2020/state-education-department-issues-guidance-graduation-and-course-requirement-changes-due>

In summary, the guidance states the following:

“Students who, during the June 2020 examination period would have taken one or more Regents examinations, will be exempted from passing the assessments in order to be issued a diploma. To qualify for the exemption, students must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- *The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have earned credit in such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year; or*
- *The student is in grade 7, is enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have passed such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year; or*
- *The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course and earn the course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or*
- *The student was previously enrolled in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents examination but intended to take the test in June 2020 to achieve a passing score.”*

This information is also posted on the school district's website, each school website, Channel 3 and the school district's Facebook page. Once again, we wish all of our students and parents the best as we navigate our way together through these very challenging and unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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