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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

RE: Parental Right to Decline Regents Examination Waivers
*If you do not wish your child to graduate in June or August 2020
with the State Education Department exemptions.*

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in the Class of 2020,

The New York State Education Department canceled the June and August 2020 Regents examinations this year due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Due to the cancellations, the Department made modifications to the assessment requirements that students in grades 7 through 12 this school year must meet in order to earn high school diplomas, credentials, and/or endorsements.

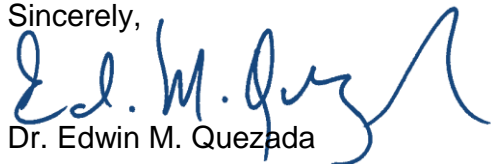
The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the option to explicitly decline the exemptions to the assessment requirements for graduation this year. These exemptions include a Regents Examination, a NYSED Approved Alternative examination, a Pathway examination or a waiver of unfinished Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential requirements, which are being applied to your child's diploma. If you choose to decline the exemptions, a diploma will not be awarded to your child at this time.

If you do not wish your child to earn a diploma in June or August 2020 with the State Education Department exemptions, please note the following:

- the decision to decline the graduation assessment requirement exemption is irrevocable;
- the child will not be eligible to graduate until he or she meets the all the graduation assessment requirements including those that were previously eligible for an exemption and the parent declined such exemption; and
- the child will remain eligible to receive a free public education until the end of the school year in which the child attains age 21 or earns a diploma, whichever shall occur first.

To decline the exemption, you must complete the attached *Regents Examination Exemption Declination* and return the form to your child's principal by Friday, June 12, 2020. By submitting this form, your child will be expected to return to their high school in September 2020. If you have questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,



Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

C: President Rev. Steve Lopez, Vice President Ramos-Meier
and Trustees of the Board of Education

Regents Examination Exemption Declination

Students Name:	Return to: (School to insert mailing address, email address and contact)
Student Date of Birth	Name of High School Student Attends:
Parent or Legal Guardian:	Daytime Phone:
Mailing Address:	Email Address:

List examinations required for graduation for which the parent/legal guardian declines the exemption:

Examination 1:	Examination 5:
Examination 2:	Examination 6:
Examination 3:	Examination 7:
Examination 4:	Examination 8:

Unfinished Requirements for Career Development and Occupational Studies

I decline all exemptions that my son/daughter is eligible to receive.

As identified above, I am declining the exemptions to the requirements for graduation available in school year 2019-20 as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in New York State for my son/daughter,

_____.
Insert Student Name Above

I understand that this applies to all the Regents Examinations or their equivalents including unfinished requirements to earn the Career Development Commencement Credential or +1 Pathway, that my child was intending to take in June or August 2020 in a course for which my child has earned high school credit. By signing this form, I also understand that my child will remain eligible to receive a free public education until the end of the school year in which the child attains age 21, or until the child receives a high school diploma, whichever occurs first. In order to receive a diploma in the future, my child will no longer be eligible for such exemptions and must pass all applicable graduation assessment requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____