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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you and your family are well. On April 7, 2020, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued a memorandum cancelling the June and August 2020 administration of Regents Examinations due to the COVID-19 health pandemic. NYSED announced certain modifications to the assessment requirements that students must meet in order to earn high school diplomas, credentials, and/or endorsements. The modifications apply to all students currently enrolled in grades 7-12 during the 2019-20 school year.

As a parent, you have the option to decline the exemptions to the assessment requirements for graduation. If you choose to decline the Regents examinations exemption, an Approved Alternative examination, a Pathway examination and/or a waiver of unfinished Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential requirements, a diploma will not be conferred to your child at this time. If you exercise your right to decline the exemptions, it will only apply to the assessments or requirements that you indicate on the enclosed Regents Examination Exemption Declination form. This decision to decline the graduation assessment requirement is **irrevocable**. Furthermore, your child will not be eligible to graduate until he/she meets all the graduation assessments including those that were previously eligible for an exemption. Any assessment exemptions that you do not decline will be utilized to satisfy your child's future graduation requirements.

If you exercise this option, your child will remain eligible to receive a free public education until the end of the school year in which he/she reaches the of age 21 or earns a diploma, whichever shall occur first.

If you decline the exemptions for the graduation requirements and do not wish for your child to earn a diploma in June/August 2020, please return the enclosed Regents Examination Exemption Declination form to my office before **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. If you require further assistance or clarification, you can contact your child's school counselor.

In Partnership,

Dr. Edward Thomas

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Regents Examination Exemption Declination

Students Name:	Return to: 933 Goodrich Street Uniondale, NY 11553
Student Date of Birth	Uniondale High School
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: _____

Information on the NYS diploma requirements as a result of COVID-19 can be found on the [NYS COVID Webpage](#)