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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On April 7, 2020 the New York State Education Department issued a memorandum cancelling the June 2020 administration of Regents Examinations and subsequently cancelled the August 2020 administration of Regents Examinations due to the COVID-19 health crisis. Due to the cancellations, the Department announced certain modifications to the assessment requirements that students must meet in order to earn high school diplomas, credentials, and/or endorsements.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that you have the option to explicitly decline the exemptions to the assessment requirements for graduation. Specifically, if you decline the exemption of 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, a diploma will not be conferred on your child at this time. The decision you make to decline the graduation assessment requirement exemption is irrevocable, and your child will not be eligible to graduate until he or she meets all the graduation assessment requirements including those that were previously eligible for an exemption and which you declined. Your child will remain eligible to receive a free public education until the end of the school year in which he or she attains age 21 or earns a diploma, whichever shall occur first.

A Regents Examination Exemption Declination form follows on the next page, and would need to be filled out completely and returned to Nyack High School. You may wish to speak to your child's guidance counselor about this exemption refusal option and the impact it would have on your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nicole Saieva
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Estimados padres / tutores o Guardianes:

El 7 de abril de 2020, el Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva York emitió un memorando cancelando la administración de los exámenes de Regentes de junio de 2020 y posteriormente canceló la administración de los exámenes de Regentes de agosto de 2020 debido a la crisis de salud de COVID-19. Debido a las cancelaciones, el Departamento anunció ciertas modificaciones a los requisitos de evaluación que los estudiantes deben cumplir para obtener diplomas, credenciales y / o endosos de la escuela secundaria.

El propósito de esta carta es informarle que tiene la opción de rechazar explícitamente las exenciones a los requisitos de evaluación para la graduación. Específicamente, si rechaza la exención de un Examen de Regente, un examen Alternativo Aprobado por el NYSED, un examen Pathway o una exención de los requisitos de Credencial de Inicio de Desarrollo Profesional y Estudios Ocupacionales (CDOS), no se otorgará un diploma a su hijo en este momento . La decisión que tome de rechazar la exención del requisito de evaluación de graduación es irrevocable, y su hijo no será elegible para graduarse hasta que cumpla con todos los requisitos de evaluación de graduación, incluidos los que anteriormente eran elegibles para una exención y que usted rechazó. Su hijo seguirá siendo elegible para recibir una educación pública gratuita hasta el final del año escolar en el que cumpla 21 años o obtenga un diploma, lo que ocurra primero.

Un formulario de Rechazo de Exención de Examen sigue en la página siguiente, y necesitaría ser completado por completo y devuelto a la Escuela Secundaria de Nyack. Usted tiene la opción de hablar con el consejero vocacional de su hijo sobre esta opción de rechazo de exención y el impacto que tendría en su hijo.

Sinceramente,

Sra. Nicole Saieva
Directora

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: _____