April 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

As you have heard, the New York State Education Department has canceled all Regents exams scheduled for June 2020. While there is much more extensive guidance that has been given to schools, the outline below summarizes the most important provisions impacting the majority of our students. It is extremely important to note that all of the most significant allowances given under this Regents Exam Waiver are based on students completing the assigned coursework and earning course credit. The transition we are making to the updated Continuity of Learning Plan and the start of graded assignments and assessments aligned to the WHS Grading Rubric included in the plan, will be a significant help in determining course credit.

- All students in grades 8-12 scheduled to take a Regents exam to end their current course(s) will not be given a Regents exam in June. Their final course grade will determine if they earn Regents credit for transcript and graduation purposes.
- Students will not be required to take a Regents exam at a later date. Instead, a code provided by NYSED will be placed in the system to identify their earned credit due to Covid-19. This applies to all students in grades 8-12 enrolled in Regents courses.
- Students must complete all assigned work and pass their course to earn this exam credit on the transcript.
- In lab science courses requiring 1200 minutes of lab experience, the remaining lab minutes are excused from the requirements of completed assignments.
- Students who had been scheduled to retake a Regents in June will be given exam credit if they earned school credit in the class when it was taken. For example, a Senior was planning to take the ELA Regents in June, but had passed the class in junior year; that Senior will now be given Regents credit towards graduation.

With the cancelation of Regents exams, all courses that included this exam in their final course average will need to be recalibrated. We are in the process of making these changes, but please note that these changes will inevitably place more emphasis on quarter grades; once again placing extreme importance on completing all work assigned by our teachers through distance learning. As always, please feel free to send me an email if you have any questions. I wish you all good health and enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Dedicated to excellence,

Keith Schenker