



Niagara Falls High School

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May 10, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) cancelled or limited various administration of the New York State Regents Examinations over the past two years. During this time, students who passed courses ending in a Regents Exam received exemptions from having to take the exams.

You are receiving this letter because your student was exempt from passing one or more exams and is therefore allowed to graduate in June 2022 or August 2022 upon successful completion of their coursework. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that you have the right to decline the exemptions if you do not wish to have your child graduate from high school in June 2022 or August 2022. Again, please note that declining the exemption would result in your child NOT receiving a diploma in June 2022 or August 2022.

If you want your child to return to school for a 5th or 6th year of high school, please complete the Regents Exam Declination form. If you exercise this option to have your child return to school in 2022-2023, please note that:

1. Your decision to decline the exam exemption may not be reversed at any time. (i.e. if you deny the exemption for the Algebra Regents exam at this time, you may not change your mind at a later date).
2. Your child will not be eligible to graduate until he or she passes all exams required for graduation.
3. Your 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 occurs first.

YOU SHOULD ONLY FILL OUT THE REGENTS EXAM DECLINATION FORM IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL FOR A 5th or 6th YEAR.

If you choose to decline the graduation assessment exemptions, then you may do so by completing and returning the Regents Examination Declination form to me by mail, email, or text. If you make that choice, then the completed and signed form should be received in my office by Friday, June 17, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Jones".

Mrs. Cynthia Jones, CEA