Northern Adirondack Middle-High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With new announcements pertaining to Regents, graduation requirements and portrait of a graduate pathways, I wanted to share some information with you as it pertains to your child at the moment:

The New York State Board of Regents has voted to move forward with a major change that removes passing Regents exams as a separate requirement for a high school diploma, ***starting with the graduating class of 2028***.

What This Means for Your Child

- **Current Seniors (Class of 2027):** This policy change **does not apply** to seniors. They are the final class that **must pass** the 5 required Regents exams to graduate. Prep classes (labs) remain critical for their immediate graduation path.
- **No Immediate Changes:** For the current school year, all existing graduation and assessment rules stay fully in place. Students must still attend classes, earn course credits, and take scheduled Regents exams.
- **Exams Are Not Disappearing:** Regents tests will still be given and used to measure academic progress, but passing them will no longer be mandatory to graduate.
- **Local Assessment Plans:** Future graduation requirements will shift toward local school districts creating broader evaluation methods, such as classroom work, projects, and performance-based learning.
- **Regents lab:** If your child is currently scheduled in a regents review lab in preparation to **retake** a regents in January we will continue to prep for that unless you contact the guidance office to have them removed.

We will share more updates as the state finalizes the full implementation timeline. Thanks for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through this transition and announcements together. As always, reach out with any questions you may have.