

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

First and most importantly, I hope you and your family are healthy and safe. I understand the extraordinary pressure you are facing as you balance caring for children, helping them learn, and, in many cases, continuing your own work. I want to assure you that we are working hard to provide your teachers with the necessary guidance to support students and families during these difficult times. We are all in this together, working on behalf of our children.

**June Regents Exams Are Cancelled, And Exams Are Waived for Some Students**

This week, NYSED and the Board of Regents cancelled the June 2020 Regents exams. As a result, students who intended to take any June 2020 Regents may be eligible for a June 2020 Regents exemption. Students who planned to take Regents exams in June 2020 will be exempt from these exams in order to earn their diploma, but they still must complete the required course credits to graduate. Our goal is to make sure that students on track to graduate this year continue to remain on their path toward successful completion of high school.

This exemption applies to:

- Any student currently enrolled in a course that leads to in a June Regents exam, and who will have earned credit in the course (including Grades 7-8 students).
- Any student currently enrolled in a course that leads to in a June Regents exam and who fails to earn credit by the end of the school year but returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit. Such students will subsequently be granted diploma credit in August 2020.
- Any student who was previously enrolled in a course leading to a Regents exam, has earned course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents exam but was intending to take the test in June to achieve a passing score.

This exemption eliminates the requirements for laboratory or classroom seat time for these courses. Additionally, many other exams that would have been administered as a graduation requirement in June 2020, including NYSED-approved +1 Pathway Assessments; Languages Other Than English (LOTE) locally developed Checkpoint B examinations; and Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential and +1 Pathway are included in the exemption for our eligible students.

Remember, although the Regents exams have been cancelled, students must still complete their required coursework in order to receive credits towards graduation.

For additional information on graduation requirements and recent changes, please contact your school counselor Amy Lukasik [ADLukasik@buffaloschools.org](mailto:ADLukasik@buffaloschools.org) or Gregory Vanremmen [GVanremmen@buffaloschools.org](mailto:GVanremmen@buffaloschools.org)

We are here to support our entire Olmsted School community during this difficult time. For regular Buffalo Public Schools updates regarding the coronavirus, please visit <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Coronavirus>

Thank you for all you are doing to support your children during these challenging times.

Sincerely,  
Michael Gruber  
Principal