

January 10, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Due to the on-going global pandemic, the New York State Education Department cancelled the January 2021 administration of the Regents examinations. Since some students needed to take the Regents examinations in order to earn certain diplomas, endorsements and other graduation credentials, the State Education Department modified the assessment requirements the students were expected to meet in order to earn those diplomas, endorsements and credentials, by authorizing exemptions from the examinations.

If your child is expected to graduate this year and has been exempted from one or more assessments as a result of the pandemic, you have the right to decline the exemption, and allow your child to return to school for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, by completing the attached form. You are advised to carefully consider the declination of the exemption as the decision is irrevocable. If you decline the exemption, your child will not be eligible to graduate until he or she satisfies all of the applicable assessment requirements (including those which are currently eligible for exemption and are being declined). If you decline the exemption, your child will remain eligible to attend school until he or she meets the applicable graduation requirements or until the end of the school year in which he or she turns 21 years of age, whichever shall occur first.

If you want your child to receive the assessment exemptions and graduate this year, you do NOT need to return the attached form. You should only return the attached form if you want your child to return for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. If you do not return the form, your child will automatically receive the examination exemption and will be entitled to graduate, provided all other graduation requirements are met.

State Education Department guidance concerning your right to decline examination waivers can be found on the high school's website. If you are opting to waive the exemption and have your child return for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, please send the completed form to Assistant Principal Melissa Conlon, c/o Longwood High School, Grade Reporting Office, 100 Longwood Rd, Middle Island, NY 11953 by January 29, 2021.

Sincerely,

Scott Schuster

Principal