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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Among the many controversial educational topics this year in many districts, is the impact Regents exam scores have on students' final grade point averages in a particular course. This past fall, the Mount Sinai School District convened a Regents Grading Committee comprised of high school teachers who teach Regents level courses, parents and administrators. Subsequently, this committee was charged with gathering/analyzing data relative to the impact of students' Regents exam scores on their final grade point averages. Likewise, the Board of Education also conducted a formal investigation in order to reach their recommendation.

The above said, both the Regents Grading Committee and the Board of Education recommended to maintain a Regents exam score weighting of 20% of students' final grade point averages. However, as a result of the committee's review and discussion of the data, the possibility of a significant variance between students' in-class grade point averages and their Regents exam scores was acknowledged and considered. As such, when a cohort's (not individual student's) Regents exam score average is six (6) or more points less than the cohort's (not individual student's) four quarter average the following formula will be used to calculate students' final grade point averages for the applicable course:

- Step 1 Four quarter average minus Regents exam score average (delta)
- Step 2 Multiply the delta by .75 (product)
- Step 3 Add the product to all students' earned Regents exam score

**For example:**

- Step 1 Four quarter average (88) minus Regents exam score average (82) = 6 (delta)
- Step 2 Delta (6) multiplied by .75 = 4.5 (product)
- Step 3 Add 4.5 (product) to each students' earned Regents exam score

Therefore, a Regents exam score of 75 would be rescaled to 79.5 (rounded to 80). Likewise, a Regents exam score of 96 would be rescaled to 100.5 (rounded to 101). However, please be reminded that the rescaled Regents exam score will be used for calculating students' grade point averages only. Regulations require that the official Regents exam score appear on students' transcripts.

With all of the aforementioned considered, the rescaling/recalculation option as described above will be implemented when applicable effective June 2018.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Regents Grading Committee and the Board of Education for their time and work with this matter. I believe the process served our students well and will better reward their efforts in the future if necessary.

Sincerely,

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