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Dear Gouverneur High School parents and caregivers,

As many of you know on Monday, April 6, New York State Education Department (NYSED) officially announced that the June 2020 Regents exams will be cancelled. With this information, we have been working on what this looks like for all of our students at Gouverneur High School.

What does this mean for Gouverneur students who are currently taking Regents courses and/or are approaching graduation in June?

Canceling the June 2020 Regents exams changes graduation exam requirements for students to earn high school diplomas, credentials and/or endorsements. It also impacts students (in grades 8-12 during the 2019-2020 school year) who were "intending to take one or more of the June 2020 Regents Examinations." Students 'shall be **exempted** from the requirements pertaining to passing such examinations in order to be issued a diploma."

The most significant impact for Gouverneur Middle School students:

- Students taking Algebra and Living Environment will receive credit and are exempt from the Regents exams if they pass the course based on the performance on provided coursework throughout the year. (The 1200 lab minute requirement for Biology is waived; there is no lab requirement this year.)

The most significant impact for Gouverneur High School students:

- Students already enrolled in a Regents level course will receive exam credit if they successfully complete the regular Regents coursework with a passing grade. (The 1200 lab minute requirement for Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics is waived; there is no lab requirement this year.)
- Grading will be determined for each Regents course based on student performance on provided coursework throughout the year. "More information will be forthcoming on how 3rd and 4th quarter will be graded."
- Students who previously passed a course but intended to take a June Regents exam (Please see SED FAQ for what it means to "intend".)
- For seniors needing a Regents Exam, this means they will graduate provided they meet the course outcomes and learning standards for the course based on student performance on provided coursework throughout the year.

For more information, NYSED has posted the following websites for review:

- [Cancellation of the June 2020 administration of Regents Exams](#)
- [Guidance on modifications to requirements for students to graduate and earn their high school diplomas, credentials and endorsements](#)
- [NYSED Frequently asked questions document](#)

As a district, our counseling department and administration are reviewing senior transcripts to determine how this affects individual graduation requirements. Seniors impacted by this information have been contacted by their counselor. Seniors with individual concerns are asked to please reach out via email to your guidance counselors to set up a time for a phone call if necessary.

If, after reviewing the links, you have questions in regard to students in grades 8-11, please email your child's school counselor. Please keep in mind that these rules and the guidance from NYSED are new to all of us and it may take time to investigate each individual situation.

This announcement from NYSED also brings up questions regarding our June graduation ceremony. At this time, no decision has been made, and we continue to make plans for the event, which is scheduled for June 26. As I have said before, graduation is one of Gouverneur Central School's finest moments. The excitement of seeing the blue and white gowns walking across the infield is truly one of the most memorable moments in our student's lives. I am positive that we will find a way to celebrate the Gouverneur High School Class of 2020.

Sincerely,

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