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Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well.

This year marked the first administration of the New York State Earth and Space Sciences Regents Examination, aligned with New York State's updated science standards. While our teachers and students worked diligently throughout the school year to prepare for this rigorous assessment, the exam has generated significant discussion across New York State.

Many school districts, educators, and parents across New York State have raised concerns about the examination, including questions they believe contained ambiguities or errors and whether the assessment fairly measured student learning. Districts across the state have shared this feedback with the New York State Education Department and are awaiting further guidance regarding the scoring and review process.

After carefully reviewing the circumstances surrounding this first administration of the exam, Baldwin Union Free School District has decided to implement a **hold harmless** grading policy for the June 2026 Earth and Space Sciences Regents Examination to ensure that no student is academically disadvantaged.

Under a harmless grading policy:

- If the Regents score raises a student's final course average, it will be included in the calculation.
- If the Regents score lowers a student's final course average, it will not be included in the calculation.

Please note that, in accordance with New York State regulations, all Regents examination scores must be recorded on a student's official high school transcript, regardless of whether the score is used in calculating the final course average. **Students who did not earn a passing score on the Regents examination may need to retake the exam during the August Regents administration to meet New York State graduation requirements. School counselors will contact students and families individually if a retake is necessary.**

We are incredibly proud of the dedication, perseverance, and resilience demonstrated by our students and teachers throughout the school year. Their hard work and commitment to learning have been exceptional, and we remain committed to ensuring that every student is treated fairly.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school counselor or building administrator.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rengifo

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