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Dear Plainview-Old Bethpage Families,

Yesterday's New York State Board of Regents meeting resulted in the approval of a transition to one State high school diploma. The Board also approved decoupling Regents examinations from graduation requirements beginning with students graduating in 2028. These decisions advance the next phase of the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) [NY Inspires Education Transformation](#).

Students will still be able to distinguish their accomplishments through seals and endorsements. The current Advanced Designation will become one of these recognitions.

Regents examinations will continue to measure student achievement of the New York State Learning Standards. They will no longer serve as a separate graduation requirement for students graduating in 2028 and beyond. NYSED expects to present proposed regulations to the Board of Regents by February 2027, with implementation beginning during the 2027–2028 school year.

Many details have not yet been determined. As NYSED releases regulations and guidance, we will explain what the changes mean for our students.

We recognize that families of students in the graduating classes of 2028 and beyond may have questions. Ensuring that students and families understand how the new diploma may affect course selection will be a priority. We will also provide guidance to help students make informed decisions based on their post-graduation plans.

Our leadership team and faculty will continue their work to expand career and technical education pathways, creating more opportunities for project-based learning, and exploring new ways for students to demonstrate what they have learned and know. At the same time, we will continue aligning our curricula with the New York State Portrait of a Graduate.

This work supports our commitment to preparing students for college, careers, and life beyond graduation.

Sincerely,

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