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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying this beautiful summer. As the academic year begins, we strive to ensure the best possible educational experience for our Harborfields students. We are writing to inform you about an important change in our grading regarding the Regents and Final exams at Harborfields High School and Oldfield Middle School for 7th and 8th-grade students. This information was shared at the June 14, 2023, Board of Education Meeting.

After careful consideration and in response to feedback from our teachers, students, and parents, the weight of the Regents and Final exams has been reduced from 20% to 12% in the calculation of the final grade. This change aims to balance accurately assessing students' understanding of the curriculum and considering a holistic view of their academic performance throughout the year.

For our Harborfields High School students, an additional enhancement has been made to ensure students prioritize their academic choices based on their post-secondary interests, transcending the focus on GPA impact. Starting with the graduating class of 2027, a revised course weighting system will be instituted for incoming 9th graders, underscoring our commitment to holistic education.

The following course weight changes entail:

- Advanced Placement (AP) courses will have a 10% weightage.
- Honors classes will have a 7.5% weightage.
- In addition, a 4% weightage will be added to college-level classes.

These revisions aim to empower students to make authentic and forward-looking choices. These strategic adjustments underscore our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals and echo our belief that education transcends metrics. As we institute these changes, we are confident that students will embark on a trajectory driven by genuine curiosity, passion, and a profound understanding of their academic pursuits.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal. We value your partnership and involvement in your child's education and welcome the opportunity to discuss any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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