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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that the Pocono Mountain School District will not offer the Secondary Summer School Program this summer for students in grades 6 thru 12. This change is necessary to reduce the additional financial burden this program places on District taxpayers during the current tough economic environment.

We fully understand the impact this may have on some of our seniors at Pocono Mountain East High School and Pocono Mountain West High School. Therefore, seniors will have the opportunity to take advantage of the District's 12th Grade Recovery Programs as described below:

A. Credit Recovery Program for Core Courses

Description: Seniors will have an opportunity to recover credit for the 12th grade core course(s) previously failed. This recovery program will be offered on specific dates and 12th grade students will only be eligible to recover the credit(s) they failed. Counselors are in the process of identifying the 12th grade students who qualify and will notify them of their eligibility. All credit recovery for core courses will be held immediately after school in a designated computer lab at each high school. Students will be transported home by way of student activity buses.

Credit Recovery Semester Dates (core courses):

1st semester: April 15th – 29th (students must attend all sessions)

2nd semester: May 27th – June 10th (spring semester students must attend all sessions, plus successfully complete all remaining course work)

Cost: A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 will be charged per course. Students who qualified for reduced lunch will be charged \$50.00 per course and students who qualified for free lunch will not be charged.

B. Credit Recovery Program for Physical Education

Description: Seniors will have an opportunity to recover Physical Education Course(s) previously failed. All Physical Education credit recovery classes will take place after school and will be conducted by a Physical Education teacher in the fitness centers. Students will be transported home by way of student activity buses. Attendance at all

sessions is mandatory. Students will be required to dress in acceptable Physical Education attire that is in accordance with the school dress code. Counselors are in the process of identifying the 12th grade students who qualify and will notify them of their eligibility.

Credit Recovery Dates for Physical Education:

East High School: March 18th & 25th
 April 1st & 22nd
 May 6th & 20th

West High School: March 10th & 25th
 April 14th & 27th
 May 18th & 27th

Cost: There will not be a charge for the Credit Recovery Program for Physical Education.

Note: Eligible 12th grade students who do not take advantage of the District's Recovery Programs will not graduate and will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies.

Those eligible students who do take advantage of the District's Recovery Programs must successfully complete the programs in order to graduate and participate in graduation ceremonies.

This change only affects the Secondary Summer School Program, not other District tutoring programs.

Sincerely,



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