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Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 2019 - 2020 school year the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) approved Pennsylvania's request to waive the 2020 administration of the Keystone Exams because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result of this waiver, any student who met the three criteria below was granted an automatic passing score for one or more Keystone Exams.

1. Enrolled in a Keystone Exam trigger course (Academic Algebra 1, Algebra 1B, Biology, or Honors ELA 9 and Academic ELA 10).
2. Received a passing grade in the course.
3. Scheduled to take the Keystone Exam in the Spring of 2020.

In addition, passing these three Keystone Exams is a graduation requirement for any students in the Class of 2023 (current 10th grade) or after. If your child received an automatic passing score for one or more of the Keystone Exams, they have fulfilled the graduation requirements for that exam and will not need to take that exam at any point in the future.

You do not need to do anything further. We have made a note in your child's academic records. Thank you for your continued support as a valued member of our Pocono Mountain School District learning community.

Sincerely,

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