Dear Parents/Guardian:

As you know, the teachers and administrators in our district have been working for the last several years to implement the Common Core-Learning Standards. This year the State is introducing the new test aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards in Algebra (grade 9). This test will be administered on June 3, 2014, several weeks prior to the normally scheduled Regents. The State Education Department has done this to allow for the time they will need to determine, prior to the end of the 2013-2014 school year, cut scores and proficiency levels for this test.

All grade 9 students at Huntington High School and all grade 8 students at Finley Middle School who are currently taking Algebra will be tested at the high school on the morning of June 3, 2014. These students will also take the Algebra Regents on June 20, 2014, as NYSED is allowing the greater of the two scores to be recorded on students’ transcripts. Because the Common Core Algebra Exam is new, we feel it is in the best interest of each student to sit for both exams to ensure that students have the best chance of succeeding in meeting this graduation requirement. The higher of the two exam grades will be included in the calculation of students’ final grades.

Because of the large number of students who will be taking the Common Core Learning Standards Algebra Regents that day, regular classes will not be in session at Huntington High School. On June 3, 2014, all students currently taking an Algebra course at Finley Middle School and/or Huntington High School will take the new Common Core Algebra Exam at Huntington High School.

A few weeks prior to June 3rd, parents of students in grades 8 and 9 will receive specific information on transportation and test start and ending times. In the meantime please feel free to contact the math department administrator, Mr. Cusack or myself with questions.

Sincerely,

Carmela Leonardi, Ph.D.
Principal

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