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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New York State Regents in Mathematics are the Algebra 1 CC, Geometry CC, and Algebra 2 CC assessments. These examinations will assess students’ conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and problem-solving abilities rather than assessing knowledge of isolated skills and facts. Graphing calculators are instrumental as an investigative tool for the teaching and learning of mathematics as they enhance the students’ conceptual understanding. The graphing calculator is also incorporated into the New York State Regents examination.

All teachers in the Westhampton Beach math department integrate the graphing calculator into classroom activities and homework. Each classroom is equipped with whiteboard technology, which allows the teacher or student to demonstrate graphing calculator use in problem solving.

The District and our surrounding region’s high schools have adopted the Texas Instrument 84 Plus Graphing Calculator as our calculator of choice. We recommend that you purchase this calculator for your child. By making this purchase, your child will be able to use the calculator in his/her math classes throughout four years of high school and into college as well. The cost is between $75 and $105. However, if you are unable to purchase one, the school will supply your child with a calculator for all given tests and assignments given by the teacher and New York State Regents.

Due to its value, students are encouraged to keep their calculators in a safe place at all times. At no point should they be brought into the locker rooms or the cafeteria. We also recommend that you record the calculator’s ID number in a safe place at home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (631) 288-3800, extension 363.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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