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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Lampeter-Strasburg High School will be administering the Literature, Algebra, and Biology Keystone Exams from January 7, 2019 through January 11, 2019. The exams will be given to students who are currently enrolled in English 10, Biology, and Accelerated Algebra during the fall semester. The exams will also be administered to any freshman, sophomore or junior who has completed a Keystone course and has not scored proficient or higher on the appropriate Keystone exam. The high school will be following a modified instructional schedule for the exam dates listed below:

January 7, 2019 – Literature Keystone Exam
January 8, 2019 – Algebra Keystone Exam
January 9, 2019 – Biology Keystone Exam

It is important that your child gives forth their very best effort as the results of the Keystone exams are a graduation requirement of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District. The updated graduation requirements for the class of 2019 is as follows:

“Students must demonstrate proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics as measured by a proficient score on the Pennsylvania Keystone Exams in Literature and Algebra I. Students who do not earn a proficient score on a Keystone Exam may retest on that specific Keystone Exam until achieving proficiency or complete a Pennsylvania State or District-approved alternative method to demonstrate proficiency.”

For the class of 2019, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra and Literature Keystone Exams to graduate. The class of 2020 students must meet proficiency standards related to Keystone Exams as outlined in Chapter 4 of the school code. Students who do not score proficient or advanced on a Keystone exam will be required to retake the specific Keystone exam at a later date or complete the district alternative assessment within that subject area to meet the graduation requirement.

Parents and guardians have the right to review the Keystone Exams and would need to set up an appointment with the School Test Coordinator once the exams arrive at the school. Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the Keystone Exams or notes about exam questions will be permitted to leave the school. For additional information about the Keystone Exams, visit the SAS website at www.pdesas.org or contact the school district.

In preparation for the Keystone Exams, please encourage your child to get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast the week of the exams. Students are allowed to use their own calculators for the Algebra I and Biology exams; however, cell phones or any other electronic devices are not permitted in the testing sites. We will be requesting that every student turn in their cell phone or any other electronic device to the testing proctor before starting the test, so we would ask that they leave their phones or electronic devices at home.

You may find additional information for parents/guardians will be made available on our high school website.

Sincerely,



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