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Dear Colleagues:

As you know, New York State is considering the most dramatic changes to graduation requirements in several decades. The Board of Regents wants to ensure that they hear input from students as part of the process. Nassau BOCES will be hosting a meeting specifically for high school students on Monday, February 10.

The Regents developed a set of guiding questions that are being used to collect information about this topic at meetings throughout the state.

**Five Guiding Questions**

1. What do we want students to know and to be able to do before they graduate?
2. How do we want students to demonstrate such knowledge and skills?
3. How do you measure learning and achievement (as it pertains to the answers to #2 above) to ensure they are indicators of high school completion?
4. How can measures of achievement accurately reflect the skills and knowledge of our special populations, such as students with disabilities and English language learners?
5. What course requirements or examinations will ensure that students are prepared for college and careers or civic engagement?

The students will work in small groups to answer these questions. Their responses will be shared with the State Education Department, the Board of Regents and the Blue Ribbon Committee that will consider the future of graduation requirements for the state.

Each district is invited to send two students to the meeting. Please RSVP at [www.nassauboces.org/studentmeeting](http://www.nassauboces.org/studentmeeting) by January 28.

**Monday, February 10**

**8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Robert E. Lupinskie Center for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert R. Dillon  
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