



WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Worcester Students and Parents,

We hope this update finds you staying in good health. Here are some recent updates we would like to share.

- **School closure extension through April 29th:** The Governor's recent order has extended school closures until at least April 29th. The state will reevaluate over the next few weeks to determine if an additional extension is needed. If there is no additional closure, we will reopen Thursday, April 30, 2020.
- **Cancelled regents exams:** On April 7th the NYS Board of Regents cancelled all June 2020 Regents Examinations and announced new graduation requirements. WCS students who meet one or more of the following eligibility requirements are exempt from the Regents Exams they were planning to take in June if:
 - They are currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Exam and will have earned credit in that course of study by the end of the 2019-2020 school year;
 - They are currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Exam and fails to earn credit by the end of the school year; but the student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit and will be subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or
 - They were previously enrolled in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents Exam, have achieved course credit, and have not yet passed the associated Regents Exam but were intending to take the test in June 2020 to achieve a passing score. For more information visit the NYS FAQ: <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/nysed-covid-19-regents-grad-req-faq.pdf>

Graduation requirements that students ordinarily must meet in order to earn diplomas, credentials and endorsements have also been adjusted so that students will not be adversely impacted by the absence of Regents testing. Student transcripts will not reflect an exam score for any June 2020 examination for which the student is exempt.

- **New learning:** This week our staff will be sharing new learning opportunities for our students both online and in traditional paper/book formats. If a student is receiving paper copies, your child's teacher will be contacting them, or you. The work will be delivered to your doorstep starting on Saturday, April, 11, 2020.

Again, on behalf of all the staff at WCS, we thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support. We recognize this situation continues to be very stressful and challenging. As you continue to manage the many personal and professional responsibilities, please know we remain ready to support you as best we can. We wish you and your families continued safety and good health!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Gonzales".

Tim Gonzales
Superintendent