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TO: Local School System Superintendents
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DATE: June 12, 2020
SUBJECT: **Waiver for High School Assessments**

At the May 27, 2020, meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education, the State Board approved the following waiver to COMAR:

COMAR 13A.03.02.06 Maryland High School Assessments –A waiver for all students who passed Algebra I, English 10, American Government, and the high school assessed science course in the 2019-2020 school year from participating in and passing assessments in Algebra I, English 10, and/or American Government, and for participating in the Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA). This request includes a waiver from completing the Bridge Plan for Algebra I, English 10, and/or American Government for any student who was to be reassessed or complete the Bridge Plan in the 2019-2020 school year.

The following information provides clarification for local school system leaders as they make scheduling decisions for high school students.

This waiver applies to students who have **passed** American Government, English 10, and/or Algebra I and:

- took the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s) prior to the 2019-2020 school year, failed twice, received or were receiving remediation, and were completing or were to complete a Bridge Project(s) in the 2019-2020 school year;
- took the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s) prior to the 2019-2020 school year, failed once, received or were receiving remediation, were completing or were to complete a Bridge Project(s) in the 2019-2020 school year, and were to be reassessed in spring 2020;
- took the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s) in December 2019/January 2020;
- were to take the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s) for the first time in spring 2020.

Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s) will not be administered in the summer 2020. Therefore, in summary, students who passed the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 course(s) in the 2019-2020 school year or summer 2020 (if the courses are offered) are waived from participating in and passing the Algebra I, American Government, and/or English 10 assessment(s).

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High School Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)

The above waiver applies to students who passed the designated assessed science course as determined by the local school system and were to take the HS MISA for the first time in spring 2020.

Questions regarding the application of the waiver should be directed to the appropriate content office coordinator, listed below:

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