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Ms. Nancy Ruscio, Superintendent
Homer Central Schools
P.O. Box 500
Homer, New York 13077

Dear Ms. Ruscio,

I am writing to request that grade eight students who will be taking a June 2017 regents exam be allowed to follow a modified schedule on the days of those exams.

This year we have thirty-three (33) students who will be sitting for the Algebra I Common Core regents exam scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at 1:15 p.m. and twenty-four (24) students who will be sitting for the Earth Science regents exam scheduled for Thursday, June 15th at 1:15 p.m.

I propose that Algebra I regents students be allowed to remain home Tuesday morning and Earth Science students be allowed to remain home Thursday morning to prepare for the exams; each reporting to school at 12:45 p.m. This will give students additional time to prepare for their regents exam without the pressures of an academic day beforehand.

Students at the high school have been given ample time to prepare for these high stakes exams while, in the past, our youngest students are expected to carry on with a regular schedule leading up to the same exams. I believe that more time is needed to help them meet with success.

Under this proposal, the remainder of the eighth grade would report to school and receive instruction that will highlight the positive traits necessary for success at the high school level. These lessons will be developed in conjunction with high school staff.

Thank you for your consideration and the consideration of the board of education. I would be happy to answer any questions that are necessary to see that this schedule be implemented.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Turck
Principal