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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) would like to share the following updates pertaining to graduation requirements focused on state assessments in Algebra 1 and English 10 and the aligned Academic Validation Program (AVP) Bridge Projects.

The current graduation requirement to take and pass the Algebra 1 and ELA 10 Assessments is being waived for students in the current Graduating Class of 2019-2020 and next school year’s Graduation Class of 2020-2021. To meet the graduation assessment requirements for Algebra 1 and ELA 10, students in the graduating classes of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 must have passed the Algebra 1 and English 10 courses and have taken the Algebra 1 and English Language Arts/ Literacy 10 Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) test. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments and the MCAP assessments for Algebra 1 and ELA/L 10 satisfy the graduation requirement. Students that participate in the Algebra 1 and English 10 assessment are exempt from completing the AVP for these two content areas.

The Algebra 1 and English 10 participation requirement ONLY pertains to students who are graduating in the school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

If you have any questions regarding the AVP, please contact Ms. Ann Pyon at ann.pyon@pgcps.org.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,

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Chief Accountability Officer