FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS

Ross High School

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January 17, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we move into the second semester, we are quickly approaching the testing season. Ohio's graduation testing requirements reflect a designed pathway for graduation. Students may earn a diploma by earning a minimum of eighteen (18) graduation points on Ohio's State Tests; **or** earning industry credentials; **or** earning a remediation free score on their ACT or SAT.

ACT:

Ohio mandates that all high schools administer an opportunity to take the ACT free of charge. All juniors will be required to take the test statewide on **February 25**. Testing will occur during the school day at no cost to families. A junior class meeting will be held to review the standards and procedures; since the ACT is regulated by a national standard, we will meet with students in small groups leading up to the administration of the ACT on **February 25**.

Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 do NOT report to school on February 25 for the administration of the ACT.

In the event of a calamity day, the state has set forth a make-up date. This will be announced in the event of a cancellation.

Ohio's State Tests:

The testing window for the end-of-course exams begins at the end of March. End-of-course exams will be proctored to those students enrolled in English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Government, and U.S. History. English 9 will be given to all 10th, 11th, and 12th graders who need to complete this retake. All 9th and 10th grade students taking these tests will be earning points toward graduation. Select 11th and 12th grade students will also have the opportunity to retake any test where the proficiency level was not met. Upperclassmen, who may need the extra opportunity, will meet with a guidance counselor to determine an appropriate testing schedule.

Because of the demands of testing and the impact that performance has on graduation, Ross has adopted an alternate schedule for testing days. Ross High School will operate on a **3 hour delay schedule**. Any student scheduled for testing will report to school on time. All other students will report for a 10:30AM start.

Testing dates and subjects are as follows: March 31^{st} : ELA II (10th grade) April 1^{st} : ELA I (retakes $10^{th} - 12^{th}$ grades)

April 20: Government (retakes 10th – 12th grades) – This will be a normal schedule (7:30 – 2:30) for <u>ALL</u> students. April 21: Algebra I (9th grade) April 22: Biology (10th grade) April 23: American History (10th grade) April 24: Geometry (10th grade)

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We ask that you familiarize yourself with your child's testing schedule and make sure s/he is well prepared to take any and all assessments that impact graduation. It is critical that our students report to school on time and are well rested for each day of testing. Any student who is late will be required to test on an assigned date to be scheduled with the testing coordinator. Our doors open at 7:00AM and breakfast is offered to all students. We also ask that all medical appointments be made after school hours if at all possible. Following the requests listed will assist in the reduction of stress and anxiety for each student as they prepare for these assessments.

If you have any further questions, please contact Christine Oravets, Assistant Principal and Building Test Coordinator, at 419-332-8221.

Sincerely,

Brian Zeller Principal