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Dear Parents/Guardians of Rising Ninth Grade Students:

Recently, the Virginia Department of Education announced that new graduation requirements, which were to become effective for students entering the ninth grade in 2010-11, will be delayed one year. As a result, students who begin ninth grade during the 2010-11 school year will not be subject to the new graduation requirements as was indicated in previous communications. The new graduation requirements will now take effect for students entering ninth grade in September of 2011.

This delay, however, does not include approved changes to the algebra requirement. Algebra I, Parts 1 and 2, will no longer count as two math credits for students entering the ninth grade in 2010-11. Algebra I, Part 1 will count as elective credit only; Algebra I, Part 2 will count as one algebra math credit.

Since the course selection process for next year has been completed, if you have questions as to how these changes may affect your child's ninth grade course schedule, please contact the school counseling office at the high school your son or daughter is scheduled to attend this fall.

Sincerely,

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