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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning with the class of 2021, every student must pass the Algebra I PARCC in order to graduate from high school. This graduation requirement was established by the New Jersey Department of Education.

With this requirement in mind, this letter is to inform you of your child's course progression as a Freshman at Shore Regional High School. Your child will fall into one of the three following categories:

***Your child has taken the Algebra I course and has taken and passed the Algebra I PARCC as an eighth grader** - In this case, your child will have the option to place into Algebra II or Algebra II Honors and will be administered the Algebra II PARCC upon completion of the respective course. This Shore Regional website link includes Honors placement information:

<https://www.shoreregional.org/cms/lib/NJ01000964/Centricity/Domain/22/HP%20Information%202017%202018.pdf>

***Your child has taken the Algebra I course and has not earned a qualifying score (performance level 4 or performance level 5) on the Algebra I PARCC as an eighth grader** - In this case, your child will have the option to place into Algebra II or Algebra II Honors and will be administered the Algebra II PARCC upon completion of the respective course. This Shore Regional website link includes Honors placement information:

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However, your child will also be required to either complete a learning module or attend a refresher course.

With respect to the learning module, a self-directed Algebra I online tutorial will be completed outside of the school day. This will be at no cost to you. Upon completion of the tutorial, your child will be administered the Algebra I PARCC.

Should you prefer your child to attend a refresher course, an in person on site course will be facilitated by a Shore Regional High School mathematics teacher during the weeks of July 2nd - July 30th of 2018. Each course session will be approximately two hours and will be scheduled for Monday - Friday for the respective weeks. This will be at no cost to you. Upon completion of the course, your child will be administered the Algebra I PARCC.

***Your child has not taken an Algebra I course and Algebra I PARCC as an eighth grader** - In this case, your child will most likely place into Algebra I as a Freshman and will be administered the Algebra I PARCC upon completion of the course. If your child has demonstrated mastery of Algebraic concepts and skills, your child will have the option to place into Algebra II or Algebra II Honors and will be administered the Algebra II PARCC upon completion of the respective course. This Shore Regional website link includes Honors placement information:

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However, your child will also be required to attend a refresher course, which will include an in person on site course to be facilitated by a Shore Regional High School mathematics teacher during the weeks of July 2nd - July 30th of 2018. Each course session will be approximately two hours and will be scheduled for Monday - Friday for the respective weeks. This will be at no cost to you. Upon completion of the course, your child will be administered the Algebra I PARCC.

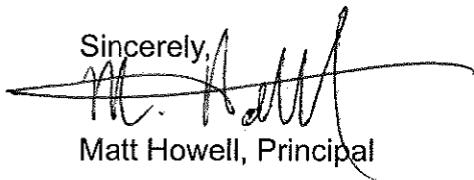
Information regarding the Algebra I graduation requirement referenced in this letter can be found on this Shore Regional website link:

<https://www.shoreregional.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=2791>

The course selection process will be conducted during January of 2018. More information regarding registration appointments will be sent to you from the Shore Regional High School Guidance Office. If your child is required to attend the Algebra I refresher course, you will be notified during the registration process. If your child has taken the Algebra I course and has not earned a qualifying score (performance level 4 or performance level 5) on the Algebra I PARCC, the Shore Regional High School Guidance Office will contact you in June of 2018 to confirm which option you would prefer for your child, the completion of the learning module or attendance in the refresher course.

Please contact me should you need further clarification or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Howell', written over a horizontal line.

Matt Howell, Principal