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Dear Parent / Guardian of a Regents Science Student;

Whether your student is new to the Regents setting, or has already taken a Regents exam, the following information should clarify the New York State (Science) mandated requirements of their participation and Bethlehem's expectations.

In order to sit for any Regents examination in Science, all students must complete **1200 minutes of laboratory activity**. In some courses this includes a series of New York State approved lab investigations, but in all courses, this includes a progression of investigations that have been developed collaboratively by the Bethlehem Science Staff.

Attendance is therefore increasingly important and we look forward to your support in communicating this to your son / daughter.

Additionally, in order for any student to receive credit for completing a lab, s/he must complete all associated assigned work at a minimum of 65% success. To be clear, this means that any student who is present during a lab, but who **does not** complete the associated work, **will not** receive credit for completing this lab, and **will not** receive credit for the number of minutes associated with this lab until the assigned work is up to a successful standard.

In the event that labs need to be made up, students must schedule a mutually convenient time to meet with their instructor. Some labs, because of their complex materials needs, or space requirements in the classroom, cannot be made up. Where labs cannot be made-up, students will be made aware of this with at least one week prior notice to the implementation of the lab.

Thank you for attention to this matter and for your continued support of our programs. Please contact my office with questions regarding this, or any other issue.

Sincerely,

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Parents please detach this portion, sign to indicate that your son / daughter has shared this with you, and send back to your son / daughter's teacher.

Parent Signature

Date