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Dear Grade 4-8 Parent /Guardian,

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This letter is to inform you of the Bayonne Board of Education promotion and retention regulation 5410 as it relates to mathematics in grades 4-8. **A student failing mathematics (alone) will be retained in grade.**

Students who are identified in danger of failing mathematics on their progress report and/or end-of-the-trimester report card will be selected for a zero-period AM mathematics tutorial program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays with a teacher from their neighborhood school. The class will start at 7:55 am. A student selected for this program can exit the program if they earn a mathematics grade of 78 or better in the following trimester.

Selected students who fail to maintain regular attendance in the morning tutorial sessions *and* end up failing mathematics for the year will not be eligible for elementary mathematics summer school.

The purpose of this AM mathematics tutorial program is to close the mathematics learning gaps for students who are failing mathematics to prevent retention. This class is strictly for students identified as in danger of failing or failing mathematics, not as an “extra credit” or supplemental class.

The mathematics department will notify the parent/guardian if their child is identified as a student in danger of failing mathematics based on progress reports and report card grades.

Research has shown that mathematics proficiency is the greatest predictor of academic success. The Bayonne Board of Education is committed to improving student learning.

Best Regards,

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