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Letter from Monticello High School Principal Arlene Siegel

This letter is to inform you about a situation that has come to light involving errors in the scoring of the Regents exams that were administered in June 2010.

The errors occurred due to a change in the scoring sheets as required by NY State. The tests are scored in-house by our teachers and then sent to the Mid Hudson Regional Information Center where the score sheets are checked, scanned and logged.

When the errors were brought to our attention, we immediately contacted the students who were affected. The 19 students whose test scores changed - resulting from passing to failing or visa versa - were notified immediately by telephone. The other scoring mistakes mostly resulted in a 2-3 point difference.

All of the students whose tests were scored incorrectly will be notified by mail this week with the specific details.

It is important to note that although Regents exams are part of the graduation requirement, the test scores are not used to calculate class grades. No one's graduation status was affected by a change in grade.

In an effort to reduce the number of scoring errors in the future, we are implementing additional professional development.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 794-8840, ext. 10915.