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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope all is well. The end of the school year is quickly approaching and there are a few events that will happen as the year closes. Please be advised that the **last day of regular classes** will be **Thursday, June 18th**. There will be a barbeque during all lunch periods for students on this day. Please also note that dismissal for all students will be at approximately 2:50 p.m. on June 17th and 18th.

Attached (back) you will find a schedule for final exams so that you may plan accordingly. It should be noted that we will give local final exams and three state exams- Earth Science Regents (June 17th), Integrated Algebra Regents (June 19th), and Second Language Proficiency (June 22nd). **Final exam week will run from June 19th to June 24th. Students are required to come to school only on days that they are scheduled for an exam.**

There will be a regular morning pick-up each day. Most local exam periods are two hours in length, while state exams are three hours in length, with students able to leave after two hours who have finished. All exams, except Earth Science and Integrated Algebra Regents (12:15 p.m.), will begin at 8:30 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m., except on Wednesday, June 24th when 6th grade students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Busing will be provided at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., accommodating those students requiring extended time.

Only on Monday, June 22nd will there be a 12:30 p.m. bus for students who require the full three hours of time (8:30-11:30) for the Second Language Proficiency state examination. Due to bus conflicts with the high school we could not get an 11:30 a.m. bus for this day. Students finishing at 11:30 a.m. that need a bus will report to the cafeteria until 12:30 p.m. and then dismissed.

Furthermore, all **8th grade** students who will be attending our Moving Up Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Patchogue Theater must attend a **mandatory** rehearsal on Wednesday, June 24th from 12:00-1:45 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be bus transportation for students, who require it, to attend rehearsal (please see schedule on back).

It has been a great year and we know that students will rise to the challenge of finals. Thank you in advance for your support in their preparation. Should you have questions regarding the final exam schedule, please call the main office at 687-6600 or e-mail me at RRusielewicz@pmschools.org. This memorandum will be posted on the South Ocean Middle School webpage @ <http://www.pmschools.org/schools/southocean/index.htm>

Sincerely,

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