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Dear 11th Grade Families,

We wanted to bring you an update on MCAS exams for juniors at Holyoke High School. Passing the Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) MCAS exams are not required for the Class of 2022 (current juniors). The juniors will have the opportunity to take the MCAS exams this school year to qualify for the John and Adams Scholarship, Koplik Certificate of Mastery and/or Seal of Biliteracy. The juniors who choose not to take the exam this school year will also have another opportunity in the fall of their senior year. To learn more about these programs and scholarships, please visit this website: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/scholarships/>.

By Friday, April 16th, students will be informed of these details during class and will be asked to take a survey indicating if they choose to take the MCAS this school year or not. If you need to change your decision, please email Evelyn Davis at edavis@hps.holyoke.ma.us.

Testing for students who opt in will occur between May 10th and June 11th. They will be contacted by the testing coordinator to schedule their test. For students who do not complete the survey, we will assume are NOT TESTING. Students who do not test will have another opportunity to do so in the fall.

Sincerely,

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