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Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is our goal at the St. Regis Falls Central School to provide an educational program that prepares your child to be a productive citizen and community member. We strive to prepare your child for tomorrow's world, whether it's to pursue a career, continue their education or enter the military after graduation from high school.

We also strive to keep you and community members informed of important issues affecting the education of all students in our school. Nationwide, one student drops out of school every three minutes. This impacts all of us. When parents, families and others are actively involved as partners with their schools, helping children connect to school, children thrive and the community itself is made stronger. High school completion is the focus of "America's Promise", a national program established in 1997 with Colin Powell as the original chairperson and currently chaired by Alma Powell. America's Promise has identified five key components for student success including: Caring Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Start, Effective Education and Opportunities to Help Others.

As part of the America's Promise Alliance, New York State Governor, David Paterson held a meeting on October 10, 2008 to discuss strategies that work to promote student connections to school. He set a target for **all** high school graduates to be work and/or college ready and stressed the need for businesses and community members to work towards this goal.

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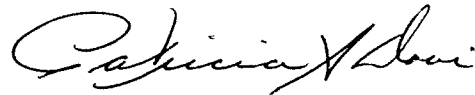
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Our district, along with eight others, have joined together in the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative. The specific goal of the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES Regional Graduation Rate Initiative is to have 90% or more of the 2008 cohort (students that entered ninth grade in 2008) achieve high school graduation by June of 2012, and to sustain this level of success with each succeeding cohort. The foundation of a high school diploma opens doors to young adults. Graduates are more employable. Graduates are more likely to pursue post secondary education or technical training. Graduates have advantages in pursuing a career in the military services. In short, they are better able to live as contributing members of American society and to function in the global marketplace.

All school district personnel look forward to working with you to maximize opportunities for your child to reach their full potential educationally. High school graduation is not an end, but a beginning for your child as they enter adulthood. For more information on the Graduation Rate Initiative, visit our web site at www.stregiscsd.org or the FEH BOCES web site at www.fehb.org.

Sincerely,



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