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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Crawford Central School District will be administering the Winter Keystone Exams in December 2023.

Your child will be participating in one or more of the Keystone Exam for Retakes. Students will take one module each day. It is imperative that he/she arrive at school on time each day of testing. Students who are in the District Cyber Program are expected to attend and participate in the exams. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted, and they must be turned off and will be collected upon entry to the testing site.

Parents/Guardians who wish to opt out due to religious beliefs must review the Keystone Exam at the school. Parents/Guardians make an appointment with the guidance office two weeks prior to the testing window. Parents/Guardians are required to sign a confidentiality form and review in-person with a school official. If after the review, it is determined to be against your religious beliefs, your child may be exempt by submitting a letter to the Superintendent. These form letters will be provided at the time of the review.

The Keystone Exams are important because they are the measurement for achievement for high schools. They are also important because proficiency on the Keystone Exams will be required for graduation. Students who demonstrate proficiency only participate once. Students can meet the statewide graduation requirement by one of the five pathways.

Additional information about the assessments will be posted on the district website at <u>www.craw.org</u> and detailed information about each assessment at <u>www.education.pa.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer A. Galdon Assistant to the Superintendent

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