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Dear YCOE School Families,

On Thursday, July 1, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 104 into law. Our goal is to provide you with important information on how this legislation may relate to your student.

### **Assembly Bill (AB) 104:**

The state of California recently enacted a new law, Assembly Bill (AB) 104, that will expand learning and credit recovery options for students who may have struggled academically during the pandemic-impacted 2020-2021 school year.

#### **For YCOE schools, these include:**

- A process for students who were enrolled in grades 9-11 for the 2020-2021 year to request to repeat the last grade
- A process for high school students to change eligible grades to Pass/No Pass
- Exemption from district graduation requirements for students in grades 11 or 12 (for the 2020-21 school year) who were not/are not on track to graduate

#### **The Process for 9-11 Students to Request to Repeat the 2020-21 Grade:**

This law provides a process for parents and guardians to request that their student repeat the grade they were enrolled in during the 2020-2021 school year. Parents and guardians of students who were in grades K-11 in the last school year would be eligible to make this request if their student received a D, F, or No Pass grade for at least one-half of their coursework in the 2020-2021 school year. This request would trigger a personalized consultation with a representative of the school to review and discuss all learning recovery options and supports that the student could access. This retention provision does not apply to students who were in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2020-21. The county office has the ultimate authority of deciding whether or not to retain a student and families will be notified within 10 calendar days of the consultation of the final determination.

*Parents/Guardians must submit a written request to the school principal. A consultation will be scheduled within 30 days of submitting the request.*

#### **The Process for Students to Change Grades to Pass/No Pass**

AB 104 also provides a process for students to request that a letter grade they received in the 2020-2021 school year be changed to a Pass/No Pass grade.

*Parents/Guardians must complete the California Department of Education (CDE) [Application](#). The application will be mailed home this week. Families will be 15 calendar days from the date of the mailing to submit the application request. A list of postsecondary educational institutions that will accept a Pass/No Pass grade, instead of a letter grade, has been posted on [CDE's website](#). Families will have until August 16, 2021, to make the request. After this time, requests will no longer be considered. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Rebozzi at [steven.rebozzi@thomasemathews](mailto:steven.rebozzi@thomasemathews) or call (530) 749-4025. The form may be emailed to the principal or dropped off at the school site on or before August 16, 2021. \*Please note: Students who are currently over the age of 18 may submit a grade change to Pass/No Pass independently from their parent/guardian.*

#### **Exemption for the 2020-21 Juniors and Seniors of YCOE Graduation Requirements**

Finally, the law requires that high school students who were in their third or fourth year of high school during the 2020-2021 school year, and who were not on track to graduate in four years, may be exempt from YCOE's graduation requirements that exceed statewide requirements. It also requires high schools

to provide credit recovery support for these students, including the option to retake courses, or to enroll in a fifth year of high school, to complete state graduation requirements.

*School administration will notify eligible students and their parents/guardians to review and develop a signed revised graduation document to include into the student Individualized Learning Plan for the 2021-22 school year. You do not need to contact the district or the school sites.*