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HRSB High Schools Cancel Exam Exemptions

High schools principals in the Halifax Regional School Board have collectively agreed to cancel exam exemptions for the 2009-2010 school year because of the H1N1 pandemic.

Thirteen (13) of the HRSBs 15 high schools were offering exemptions in accordance with the board's policy on [Assessment, Evaluation and Communication of Student Learning](#). The decision to offer exemptions was made by individual schools in consultation with their School Advisory Council (SAC) in an effort to encourage student attendance.

High school principals discussed the issue collectively, as well as individually with their SAC, prior to making the decision. Concerns had been raised by various groups, including parents and health officials, that an exam exemption could encourage students to attend school when they are sick because of the attendance criteria associated with the exemption.