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**TO:** Local School Superintendents  
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**SUBJECT:** Seniors 2020-2021 School Year

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The purpose of this memo is to clarify graduation requirements for **any senior** in the 2020-2021 school year who needs to take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment in **Algebra I and/or English 10**. Education Article § 7-205.1 Maryland Code Ann Ch. 548, Laws of Maryland 2019 (HB 1019), states “the State Board may only require a passing score on a standardized assessment to evaluate a student for graduation from high school after the assessment has been field-tested and piloted for at least 1 year.”

Given that the 2020-2021 school year is the first year of administration of the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP), students who are graduating in the 2020-2021 school year, **taking the Algebra I and/or English 10 MCAP will meet the graduation assessment requirement** for Algebra I and English 10. Students **must pass** the Algebra I and English 10 courses. These students are also exempt from completing a Bridge Project for Algebra I and/or English 10.

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