December 17, 2015

Congratulations,

Based on the recent California State Legislative Senate Bill 172 (Liu – D, La Cañada-Flintridge), which suspends passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) as a requirement for high school graduation through the 2017-18 school year, you are eligible to receive your high school diploma, providing you have met all the other BUSD graduation requirements. If you would like a copy of your diploma please email ericajohnson@berkeley.net to submit your request.

In the email please provide:

Name you would like to appear on your diploma Contact telephone Number Year of graduation Mailing Address

Please note diploma distribution will take 3 - 5 days from the date you request it.

Once SB 172 is signed, it will take effect on Jan. 1, 2016. At that time, school districts and county offices of education should be prepared to issue diplomas to students from 2003-04 to 2015 who have met all other graduation requirements but have not passed the CAHSEE.

A separate bill, SB 725 (Hancock – D, Oakland) was signed in August and specifically exempted the class of 2015 from the CAHSEE requirements. That legislation was prompted by the cancellation of the July offering of the test. Districts and county offices should already be issuing diplomas to students from the class of 2015.

Sincerely,

Debra Clark, Counselor Berkeley Technology Academy (510) 644-4596