# Niagara Falls High School

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Dear High School Parent:

This is to notify you about an exciting new recognition program for Niagara Falls High School students this year called **The Seal of Civic Readiness**. We are sending this letter to all high school students who we believe are excellent candidates for this program and are on track since they have already completed a majority of the coursework to obtain the Seal of Civic Readiness.

**What is the Seal of Civic Readiness?**

The **New York** State **Seal of Civic Readiness** is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset and civic experiences.

**What will the Seal of Civic Readiness do for my child?** Civics education increases the likelihood that students will participate in political and community activities; be more committed to fundamental democratic values and principles; and be more tolerant of those who may have different points of view. Civics education, provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to question and engage in civil discourse and offer sustainable solutions to issues that are important to them and their communities.”

**What are the requirements?**

Seal of Civic Readiness is for all students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in their Social Studies coursework and have actively participated in a Civic Action Project designed to promote positive change in society.

Participation in the Seal of Civic Readiness is voluntary. Your child is a good candidate for this program since they have already completed many of the requirements. If they choose to participate, they will receive guidance from a Mentor teacher on assigned days throughout the school year to work on the requirements. The school district will monitor the progress of your child pursuing the seal with periodic check-ins with a guidance counselor, an administrator, ELA teacher, Social Studies teacher or Mentor teacher.

Enclosed in this mailing is a brochure, which explains the program more thoroughly. Applications will be available from your Social Studies teacher.

If you have any questions, please call me Mrs. Julie Conti at the following email jconti@nfschools.net or (716) 286-7944.

Please consider applying for this special recognition!

Mrs. Conti

Coordinator, Seal of Civic Readiness