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Dear Chancellor Young:

We appreciate your response (letter of March 16, 2021) to our concerns. We hope it is the beginning of a dialogue. While your words are encouraging, our focus is on your actions.

Our recent national experiences provide too many examples of what happens when citizens do not understand the fundamental principles of our history and government. Research is clear that what is not tested becomes a lesser teaching priority. It is essential for the strength of our democracy that, as students return to school, the Social Studies Regents examinations remain a requirement for graduation.

Respectfully,

LICSS Executive Board

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