85190 - Can the teacher repeat the exam so that the students will get better grades?

the question

One of the female students is asking:
We had a math exam at school and the marks that we got were low, so we asked the teacher to let us repeat the exam so that we could get better grades, but she refused on the grounds that one of the Shaykhs had issued a fatwa saying that improving grades is haraam. What is your opinion?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If repeating the exam does not go against the school’s rules and is not unfair to others, then there is nothing wrong with it. Unfairness here means that other classes in the same school are not also given the opportunity to repeat the exam or some students in the same class, or other classes, who got good grades and repeating the exam will cause them hardship or may make their grades go down. If the exam can be repeated without unfairness to anyone, there is nothing wrong with it in that case, and some educational systems allow those students who wish to, to repeat tests, and the higher grade will be recorded for them.

But if the system does not allow repeating exams, then it is essential to seek the permission and agreement of the administration.

And Allaah knows best.