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RE: Final Exams Eliminated for First Semester

Dear School Community,

I hope that your families are doing well,

The end of the semester is quickly approaching which traditionally includes the giving of final exams. Typically, final exams consist of a comprehensive culminating project or assessment worth 10% of the final grade. Under normal circumstances, final exams can be a stressful, difficult time for students. However, these are certainly not typical times. We know that many of our students are struggling with the stressors of the pandemic and the challenges of virtual/hybrid learning.

Furthermore, this has been a very demanding semester for our staff in many ways.

Taking these factors into consideration and reflecting upon staff and student wellness, the building and district administrators agreed to eliminate final exams for the fall semester. The high school final exams days will become instructional days using the A/B rotational schedule. Taking this approach will allow teachers to maximize their instructional time with students as well as support student's social-emotional needs. It is our belief, that this balanced approach will benefit our students and their families.

The fall semester final grades for Ewing High School will be an average of the first and second marking period, each with a 50% weight. At FMS, each marking period will carry a 25% value and be averaged to determine the final grade for year-long courses. This is the same process we used in the spring semester last school year.

Thank you,

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