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Dear Parents and Advanced Placement (AP) Students:

After surveying AP teachers earlier this year and investigating what other surrounding school districts require of AP students regarding finals, Maine Township will make second semester finals optional for all AP students who take the AP exam.

Rationale: This was first brought to the attention of administration by students feeling the pressure of preparing for course finals in addition to preparing for AP exams, especially now that our school year aligns more closely with the administration of AP exams.

Parameters: Students who take the AP exam for the AP course in which they are enrolled would not be required to sit for an additional final in that course. The grade the student has earned by the final week in the course would stand as their final grade if the student chooses not to take the final for the course. Those students who would still like to take the final exam may do so.

- If an AP teacher has a final project, it may be kept in place. The percentage of the final grade the project will represent is up to the teacher and shall be weighted appropriately.
- An AP teacher can give a summative assessment a week or more in advance of the AP exam testing window if it is to be used for feedback for the AP exam (this year that cutoff date is April 24th). In this case, students would NOT be exempt from taking this summative assignment even if they take the AP exam.

Final week or weeks of school: Students should still be actively engaged in the pursuit of the subject matter and skills contained in the course through the end of the school year. Seniors will attend their regularly scheduled classes through the end of their school year (including the days set aside for senior finals).

We feel this change in practice will be a benefit to our students, and we will review after the first year of implementation.

Students may still register to take their AP exams until March 3, 2017 at the school bookstore.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael W. Pressler
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