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Dear Old Bridge High School and EMGNC Parents/Guardians:

It is my hope that this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that the holidays are here and the challenges of safely opening our schools and the first marking period are behind us. As you would expect, we are constantly planning ahead using the most current information along with educational research to guide our decisions regarding our student's education.

Midterm and final exams are some of the many educational considerations that we are faced with during this pandemic. In light of the limited in-person contact time, necessity of class sessions dedicated to the review and administration of the exams, and stress related to these unprecedented times, we have decided to cancel mid-term examinations only for this school year. The midterm exam columns will still appear on the report cards, with "NG" or No Grade in the midterm exam column. This will not show up on students' final transcripts.

For select semester-only courses (i.e. Personal Finance/Small Business Ownership/Civics/other electives), some classes **may** require final semester projects or portfolios that demonstrate the culmination of learning that contributed to the second marking period grade. Any culminating semester activities for semester-only courses will be communicated by teachers to their students by Tuesday, January 12, 2021 to give students adequate preparation time. For additional questions, please contact your building administrator.

As 2020 winds down, I look forward to putting this challenging year behind us and welcoming the hope and promise of the New Year. I wish you and your loved ones peace and good health.

Sincerely,

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