



LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Lenape Families,

I want to share with you some of our findings from our first quarterly examinations and how we intend to proceed from this point in our efforts to help our students.

First, LVR has for many years given cumulative, final examinations. In moving to quarterly examinations, one crucial consideration in our review of those tests was that we discovered disparities between marking-period grades and final examinations that have put our kids at a disadvantage. For example, many of our students, who were marginally passing classes but ended the year with a poor final examination grade, have often had to repeat courses, go to summer school, or were prevented from graduating with their class. Likewise, for students who did well, finals have taken many with an A average down to a B average. Quarterly examinations were designed to measure only a marking-period's worth of information, which were administered in a single class period.

What We Have Learned: our first quarterly examination process supported our expectation in that in most tested courses our students' scores are largely reflective of their marking-period averages. In those areas where disparities were revealed, we will immediately effect changes in the curriculum and instruction. Insofar as the process is concerned, for future quarterlies, we are going to make the following amendments: that during the week in which the quarterlies are given, no other in-class test-grade assessments will occur, a brief review will take place, and the examination grades will be posted to the beginning of the following marking-period. Also, we had initially intended to grade this first quarterly with the value of two test grades. However, in all fairness to our students, this first test will have the value of a regular test grade; the subsequent quarterly examinations will count as two test grades.

Overall, everyone put forth a fantastic effort and we are proud of the great work our students and staff have done.

Sincerely,

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