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TO: Parents of First Semester EOC Students  
FR: EOC teachers  
Travelers Rest High School  
RE: EOC testing

Your child will be involved in the state's online EOC testing program in a few days. This is a high stakes test in that it counts 20% of his/her final grade since it becomes the final exam grade. Also, the overall performance for all students is a factor in the school's report card.

Additionally, if the student meets the following criteria he/she does not need to come to school for the scheduled regular first semester exam but ***only if you can provide transportation before or after the other exam that day:***

All of the following criteria must be met before a student can opt not to take the major test given during the exam period

- The EOC grade must be a 77 or higher.
- Once the EOC grade has been averaged into the overall grade (counting 20%), the student must be passing.
- He/she must have a signed parent permission letter that clearly allows the student not to take the major test given during the exam time. **Please consider that this test grade may help the student attain a higher grade.**

We need your cooperation so that students will perform to the best of their ability.

1. Please see that your child gets plenty of rest on the nights before these tests.
2. Please see that your child eats a nourishing breakfast on the morning of these tests.
3. Please make every effort to have your child in school and on time.
4. If your child is taking an EOC exam 4<sup>th</sup> block and in the unlikely possibility that he/she needs more than the regularly allotted time to complete the test (87 minutes), please be aware that you may need to wait for him/her to finish the test or, in the case of bus riders, to provide alternate transportation. Someone will call you if this happens. (NOTE: in five years of testing this has happened fewer than five times.)

Thanks for your cooperation.

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