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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is enrolled in Honors English at Great Bridge High School for the 2010-2011 school year. I extend to you a pledge to challenge your child in all aspects of language study, including writing, reading, and oral communication.

The Chesapeake school system has made the decision to no longer mandate summer reading as a requirement for Honors English classes. As an alternative, each high school has compiled a list of literary titles for suggested summer reading. The selected titles are works that will be studied in class as part of the English curriculum during the regular academic year. Although summer reading will not be mandatory for Honors English classes in 2010-2011, students who want to get ahead have the option of pre-reading one fiction and one non-fiction literary selection. These titles appear on the suggested summer reading list, which is attached to this letter and will also be made available to local libraries and bookstores.

No assignment or assessment accompanies the suggested summer reading list; however, teachers will evaluate the reading assignments in class as they are required by the course curriculum. Likewise, teachers will allot ample time for the reading and assessment of each piece of literature.

Summer reading is mandatory for Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment English classes. These classes will also require written summer assignments for assessment.

Should you have any questions about these changes in the summer reading policy, please call me at 482-5191, or e-mail me at [mcgovrla@cps.k12.va.us](mailto:mcgovrla@cps.k12.va.us).

Sincerely,

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