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Dear SHS Parents,

We have had a great opening with our students. During the first meetings of Physical Education class, sophomores, juniors and seniors received information about our updated Physical Education exemption program. This information is also available on the school website. This program reflects our continued efforts to help students meet and balance their academic and extra-curricular demands, while meeting State mandates for Physical Education and Health Education.

During the course of the 2012-2013 school year, it became clear that many Summit parents wanted their children to have the opportunity for an additional study hall. This additional time would help them get a jump-start on homework assignments that can be difficult to complete after an already full day of school and extra-curricular activities. A task force, made up of parents, students, teachers, administrators and a Board of Education representative, was formed to consider alternatives and develop a recommendation to address this need. Our updated exemption program is the result of those efforts.

Please review the information with your sophomore, junior, or senior child. Freshmen, who are transitioning from a middle school setting, will have a traditional Physical Education schedule, while they learn to navigate SHS. They will have access to this option in their sophomore year.

We look forward to partnering with you for your child’s success in the 2013-2014 school year.

Best,

Mr. Paul W. Sears
Principal, Summit High School