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Dear Parents and Guardians,

One of our greatest academic challenges at Tri-Cities High School is improving our literacy scores. **To tackle this challenge, Tri-Cities High School is providing academic incentives for the completion of an optional summer reading project this summer.** While we cannot mandate the completion of this project, we strongly encourage your student to participate in this project for several reasons.

Firstly, studies show that students who do not engage in reading during the summer months experience "summer slide," where they lose a significant portion of the progress they have made in their reading and comprehension skills. This can make it more difficult for them to catch up when they return to school in the fall. By participating in our summer reading project, your student will continue to practice their reading and comprehension skills, helping to combat the summer slide and keep their skills sharp.

Additionally, reading has been shown to improve cognitive function, concentration, and analytical skills. These benefits can translate into improved academic performance in all areas, not just reading.

Finally, we believe that fostering a love for reading is a crucial component of a well-rounded education. Reading helps to broaden perspectives, increase empathy, and develop critical thinking skills. By encouraging your student to participate in our summer reading project, we hope to cultivate a lifelong love for reading and learning.

We understand that summer can be a busy time for families, but we believe that this program is a valuable investment in your student's education and future success. Please take the time to review the attached project guidelines and encourage your student to participate.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and their education. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, you can email me directly at [hollinsae@fultonschools.org](mailto:hollinsae@fultonschools.org).

Sincerely,

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