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Dear parents/guardians,

Three years ago, the Roxbury School District began to review and revise our expectations for the summer learning experience with some substantial changes from the traditional summer reading assignment. The work focused on reframing the summer learning experience to align with what the research indicates, that access to high-interest learning materials and opportunities for skills maintenance is paramount to reducing the potential for the “summer slide.” Our summer program has been enhanced with a focus on choice as well as celebration. As we conclude the 2020-2021 school year, we have continued to reflect on feedback received from students, parents, and teachers about last summer’s learning as well as the value and goals associated with summer learning experiences. In doing so, we also recognize the high value of social emotional wellness as being critical to the development of our students. For these reasons, this summer’s experience will be strongly recommended, but not required. We will continue to offer a wide array of opportunities that are interdisciplinary in nature and will support students’ continued interaction with meaningful learning experiences.

Specific high school honors and AP courses will have summer requirements due to the scope and sequence of the curriculum. In these cases, students will be provided with these expectations prior to departing in June. All other learning experiences in grades 1 - 12 will be **strongly recommended** with the overarching expectation being that all students “prepare for tomorrow” by striving for excellence each day.

The success of student participation requires a joint effort of encouragement from the district and the home so students can return to school in September prepared to learn. It is our hope that this program continues to serve our overriding focus of providing expanded choice and exposure, but also provides meaningful connections to a variety of learning experiences that are exciting and individualized which encourage participation to support preparation for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Links to the appropriate grade band and content websites outlining these experience can be found here:

[Elementary Summer Learning and Camp Rox](#)

[Secondary Humanities](#)

[Secondary Math/Science](#)

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the appropriate content supervisor or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charles Seipp'.

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