



## LINDSAY PLACE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to clarify an issue that caused some confusion today regarding the dismissal time for students. In the guidelines that were sent home with students prior to the exam period, it was explained that students must remain at school for the duration of the exam. **Although it did not explicitly say this, this includes the study period following individual exams.**

Although we understand that some students may feel that they should be allowed to leave following the conclusion of the time period set for the exam itself, it is not practical nor responsible for us to simply allow students to be dismissed from their exam room at the end of a two hour exam period. The reason for this is simple, we have a responsibility to supervise the students during the time that they are expected to be present at school, and we must also know the whereabouts of our students until dismissal. This is a simple matter of safety and security. We know that most students are responsible enough to be able to make it home on their own at the end of the day – they do that daily. However, on any school day, students are here until a specified time, and we know of their whereabouts until that time. Students who leave early have a written note, and sign out at the office.

**Please note that the dismissal time for the remainder of the week is 1:00 p.m. for all students.** The dismissal time is determined for us this week by the amount of time required for the examinations, combined with the time for which we could arrange for early bus departure. We also feel that it is important to encourage a sense of serious study and proper preparation for exams by giving students some supervised study time here at school.

We are therefore respectfully requesting that unless there is an urgent reason for a student to be dismissed early (such as a medical appointment) that you support us in having all students remain at school until all can be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. Please note that any early dismissal for any urgent matter must be supported with a signed note from a parent or guardian.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have about this issue.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,

David Estok  
Principal