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Parents, Guardians and Students:

To meet the expectations of the Fairfax County Public Schools for encouraging intellectual growth and critical thinking skills, the Herndon High School English Department requires a summer reading assignment. This assignment, while generally required by Fairfax County, has been shaped by Herndon High to address the needs of our specific Program of Studies and these assignments take the place of the county list in fulfilling this requirement.

The summer reading list for all classes will be sent to area bookstores, including Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, and Borders. In addition, it will be available on the Herndon High School web site. If no written assignment is specified, students should bring the book with them on the first day of school in September. If a written assignment is required, it will be due on the first day as well.

We want students to take advantage of this opportunity to start the year successfully. We wish you an enjoyable and enriching summer.

Sincerely,

Janice Jewell, Chair
English Department

Summer Reading List for Rising Seniors

The theme for English 12 is "Social Issues". The books below represent some of the social issues we will be discussing in English class.

Please select one of the following books to read this summer. You will be expected to have the book in hand along with your notes and this sheet, signed by your parents, for the first day of class. You must have your parent sign off on the book you choose as some of the selections below are a bit edgy.

Depression/ Mental Health	○ <u>An Unquiet Mind</u> by Kay Redfield Jameson (Nonfiction)
Drugs	○ <u>Beautiful Boy</u> by David Sheff (Nonfiction)
Gangs	○ <u>Always Running</u> by Luis J. Rodriguez (Biography)
Immigration	○ <u>Enrique's Journey</u> by Sonia Nazario (Fiction)
Poverty	○ <u>Nickel and Dimed</u> by Barbara Ehrenreich (Nonfiction)
Racism	○ <u>Dreams From My Father</u> by Barack Obama (Biography)
School Violence	○ <u>Nineteen Minutes</u> by Jodi Picoult (Fiction)
Women/ Men in the Middle East	○ <u>A Thousand Splendid Suns</u> by Khaled Hosseini (Fiction)

Your Name _____

Book Selected _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

