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Dear senior students and parents,

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy in this new year. As you know, the 2019-2020 school year concluded with the loss of spring sports across New Jersey and most, if not all of our nation. As a result, New Jersey has adopted a new pilot program called the "Bridge Year Pilot Program".

According to Bridge Year legislation, Chapter 41, *"The Commissioner of Education shall establish a three-year "Bridge Year Pilot Program," under which each school district with a high school shall offer students in the graduating class of 2021 and the graduating class of 2022 the opportunity to pursue a bridge year during the year immediately following their senior year of high school, in accordance with the provisions of this act. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to provide participating students an additional year to address learning loss and missed opportunities in extracurricular activities, including spring sports programs, as a result of the public health state of emergency caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic."* The Act continues with additional information that we would like to direct you to.

Overbrook High School has linked Bridge Year information on the school website, www.overbrookhs.com, under the PARENT tab. In addition, Bridge Year information is also on our school's ATHLETICS page. If your student has any interest in applying for a Bridge Year, please contact my office at your earliest convenience. Those interested must apply by February 12, 2021. In addition to applying, we must meet virtually to discuss the student's Individualized Learning Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Doug Endee

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Bridge Year Liaison

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