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Dear Community Members,

The purpose of this correspondence is to invite you to become a member of the Grand County High School Community Council and inform you of the nature of this organization.

The Utah Legislature passed 53A-1a-108. This law requires all schools in the state to have a school community council. The main purpose of this council is to help each school improve student achievement by developing a plan based on district and school goals. The purpose of the high school council will be to:

1. Review Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and CRT testing data for the school.
2. Develop a school improvement plan for improving student achievement. This plan may be multi-year and must be presented and approved annually by the Grand Board of Education. (See the School Lands Trust website at: <http://www.schoollandtrust.org/> for more information.)
3. Assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive and long-term plan for staff development. (Note: Grand County High School will be visited in April of 2012 for our Accreditation six year review. We are also in the first year of implementing the Common Core for 9<sup>th</sup> grade math and 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade English. The Common Core will be supported by the other curricular areas as well. GCHS hosted a regional Core Academy in June. On-going staff development will be necessary for successful implementation of the new core. We will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of developing a Professional Learning Community (PLC) at our school and Trust Lands funds were utilized last year to pay a stipend to teachers studying the PLC concept. )
4. Appoint individuals to serve on subcommittees to assist in the development of the plans. (Note: Appointed individuals need not be members of the council.)

In response to the council, the school shall:

1. Implement the plans that are developed by the council and approved by the Grand Board of Education.
2. Provide ongoing support for the council's plans.
3. Meet the Grand Board of Education's reporting requirement regarding performance and accountability.
4. Publicize to its patrons and the general public its plan to enhance or improve academic excellence at the school and the results of those efforts (The plan for 2011-2012 will be placed on the GCHS website: <http://www.grandschools.org/highschool/index.html> by the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.)
5. Prepare and present an annual report to the Grand Board of Education by the end of each school year.

If you would like to be considered for membership on this year's council at GCHS or would like to find out more information regarding the council and its endeavors to date, our first organizational meeting and election of new members for this school year will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the conference room at the Technical Science and Art Center (TSAC) east of the main building. If you would like more information, contact Stephen Hren at 259-8931.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hren  
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