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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 U-PASS/CRT testing data for the school.
2. Develop a school improvement plan for improving student achievement. This plan may be multi-year and be presented and approved annually by the Board of Education.
3. Develop the school Trust Lands program (See [http://www.schoollandtrust.org/gen\\_about\\_slr.php](http://www.schoollandtrust.org/gen_about_slr.php)).
4. Assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive and long-term plan for staff development. (Note: The district is in the beginning phases of developing a district wide professional development plan and the first phase includes a two year staff development in the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol Model [SIOP<sup>®</sup>] beginning this fall, 2008.)
5. 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 Board of Education.
2. Provide ongoing support for the council's plans.
3. Meet the 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 2008-2009 can be found at the GCHS website: <http://www.grand.k12.ut.us/highschool/index.html>.)
5. Prepare and present an annual report to the 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 for this school year will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in room 201 at Grand County High. If you would like more information, contact Stephen Hren at 259-8931.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hren  
Principal, GCHS