## **GRAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Grand County High Students,

As many of you may have heard, with the recent state realignment for high school activities that occurred this year, Grand County High School will be moving to the 3A classification for the 2017-2018 school year. We will remain 2A for the 2016-2017 school year. Many of you as well as coaches and the high school administration have concerns about safety, the ability to compete, losing numbers of student participants due to the move to 3A, and increased travel because we may be the only 3A School in our general area. At this time, there is a way the state has allowed schools to petition to remain in their current classification.

If individual high schools have 55% or more of their student population qualify for reduced or free lunch, the school can petition to remain in the lower classification. Grand County High School is below this percentage. Many parents/guardians do not fill out the paperwork to determine their eligibility for reduced or free lunch. I realize that filling out the paperwork is a private issue and the choices vary from individual to individual. However, we are asking that every parent/guardian fill out the paperwork this year to determine if we are closer to the 55% qualification. By filling out the paperwork, you do not have to participate in the reduced or free lunch program even if you qualify. In addition, several grants that the school district receives as well as grants for the community use the same data to qualify. With more accurate information, more funding may be obtained.

The free or reduced lunch form will be available on the district website as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or by paper form after July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the high school office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. My office phone number is 719-4890 and my cell phone number is 260-6020. Thank you in advance for filling out the forms. It will be beneficial to have more accurate data.

Sincerely

Dr. Stephen Hren Principal, GCHS