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March 30, 2020

Dear Panther Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I would like to thank every member of the Panther family for pulling together in these trying times. Education is not an easy job for parents and schools alike, but with our commitment to the students of Jefferson High School we have gone above and beyond my wildest expectation to deliver an education during a unique time in our nation's history. I would like to take a moment and answer some frequently asked questions.

First, all school activities have been either cancelled or indefinitely postponed due to school closures. Considering our government's response to Covid-19 is fluid, it is responsible of our school to honor social distancing guidelines presented by local, state, and federal government. We will do our best to reschedule events, such as prom, spring sports, plays and music festivals, when it is deemed safe to resume social distancing norms set by the government. We will maintain the same stance, reschedule when possible, for all future events.

Secondly, there is uncertainty as to what the final grading procedure will look like due to continued school closures. We do know the procedure as we continue to deliver off-campus curriculum, we have an expectation that students complete the curriculum as assigned. Students will be held accountable for missing or incomplete work during school closure. The degree of accountability is yet to be determined, but non-compliance and non-completion will most definitely result in loss of credit. The minimum standard to be successful in off-campus learning is **communication** with teachers. Teachers are expected to be available via email, but often teachers are adding to their means which they may be contacted (ie. Classroom, Teams, social media). In the worst case scenario, students and parents may contact the school (225-3317), which will send a message to the teacher. Nat Turner said it best, *"Communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity."*

Third, we are changing our delivery of meals to all JHS students. Beginning March 31, 2020 we will be delivering school lunches/breakfast to homes. We need to know if you would like the school meals delivered. Please complete the JHS School Closure Lunch Form at <https://forms.gle/HAmbm6thDivcZnUd8>

Finally, we have been in communication with Montana Higher Education. We are considering, as other high schools in Montana and the U.S., giving students an option between pass/fail or letter grades during the closures. The university system understands, as do out-of-state

colleges, that pass/fail grades recorded during this semester are going to be overlooked when considering entrance and scholarship applications. The state mandated ACT tests for all Montana juniors have been rescheduled for the Fall of 2020. We will continue to assure our student's futures are at the forefront of our educational decisions at JHS.

We are committed to providing the best possible education during the Covid-19 outbreak. Student and community safety is our number one priority everyday. Thank you for your graciousness. Please feel free to reach out to our staff with any further questions.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Moodry", with a stylized, flowing script.

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