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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the parents and patrons of Grand County School District for the warm welcome my family has received as we moved and settled in to working in the schools in Moab. I have been impressed with the School Boards' vision/mission, the employees' dedication, and the parental support for the education of the children of the District.

The purpose of this communication is to clarify the "Pre-Approved Absences" procedures and remind parents of two new Professional In-service Days that were added to the calendar this year.

"Pre-Approved Absences" – At times parents have the opportunity to involve their children in beneficial activities that require absence from school. Although we would prefer 100% student attendance, and research validates that consistent attendance is essential to academic student growth, we also believe parent/student activities are educational.

With this in mind, if you need to excuse your student for a parental activity, please complete the following steps:

- ~ Please fill out the "Pre-Approved Absence form
- ~ Meet with your student's school administrator prior to your student's absences to discuss:
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 - a. your planned activity
 - b. school assignments that will need to be completed while the student is absent
 - c. your student's absenteeism
 - * In essence make a plan that will insure that your student is not negatively impacted by his/her absence from school
 - ~ The principal will then sign the "Pre-Approved Absence"

Please be aware that a "Pre-Approved Absence" is an excused absence if the before mentioned process is followed.