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Dear GRPS Students, Staff, and Families:

Spring is here, and soon students will be looking forward to summer vacation. It is always important this time of year to encourage students to continue to work hard in their studies, to attend school every day, and to always engage in the wonder of learning. As we work to complete the final quarter of this school year, there are a few things I would like to make everyone aware of.

First, hopefully you have already been made aware that the district has been engaging in a formal process to evaluate facilities and plan for potential facility improvements. So far this school year, the district has held two board work sessions/community meetings regarding facilities. The first was a community meeting in October regarding the JEO Facility Assessment and potential considerations for facility updates. The second meeting was held in January where adjusted options for potential facility improvements were presented along with district information regarding finances and achievement. There was also a facility tour of the high school building at the January meeting. Information regarding the January meeting can be found on our website at the following link https://www.grmustangs.org/article/2669138. Gordon-Rushville Public Schools will host the next Community Facility Meeting Board Work Session on March 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the middle school gymnasium in Rushville. Additional information regarding facility improvement discussions will be presented and a facility tour of Gordon-Rushville Middle School and Rushville Elementary will be conducted. We encourage all available patrons to attend. Again, this is an ongoing process, and feedback from each community meeting helps inform next steps regarding potential facility improvements.

Second, the Gordon-Rushville Public School district recently completed our five year External Review visits with the high school receiving a visit from team members associated with Cognia and the elementary schools and middle school conducting their review through a Nebraska Rule 10 External Review team. Both external accreditation reviews involve the team members (current and former administrators, NDE employees, and ESU employees) reviewing a substantial amount of information regarding district assessment scores, school procedures,

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improvement plans, etc. as well as conducting classroom walkthroughs and stakeholder interviews. The purpose of a five year external review is to evaluate the procedures, practices, and academic achievement of a school/school system and offer an outside perspective on what the school district is doing well and provide information about what the school district should focus on for their next five year improvement cycle. The district received very positive feedback regarding current practices and this is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and caring nature of the GRPS staff. It is also indicative of the great community support our school district benefits from. We will receive final external review reports in the coming months, and those will be shared publicly when received by the district.

As we move into the final quarter, it is a very busy time with activities. Concerts, awards ceremonies, field days, Prom, and other spring activities should be listed on the district digital calendar. Please be sure to check our social media pages and website for information on dates and times. Also, if you have not yet downloaded the Gordon-Rushville Public Schools app, please take some time to check it out. It offers an easy-to-use application where activities for the district and each of the school buildings is readily accessible. Simply go to the app store for your device and search for Gordon-Rushville Public Schools or scan the QR code in this letter for your specific device type (Google or iPhone). Feel free to contact the district office if you need any assistance.

As always, we appreciate the parent and community support for our schools, and our dedicated teachers and staff will continue to work hard to help each student work toward success during the final quarter of school. Please reach out to us if you need anything!

Sincerely,

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