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"A Great Place to Grow and Learn"

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Even in the middle of summer vacation, the Grant Public School Board has been hard at work preparing for the fall. Part of their work involved the recent review of the health clinic services provided through the middle school. In reviewing the agreement, the district became aware of multiple concerns and chose to step back from the contract so that additional communication could occur. The decision allows both the board and the clinic to ensure that there is alignment around school safety, communication, and accountability.

The review of contracts and policies is one of the routine tasks of the board, and is consistent with best practices in governance. These types of reviews allow the district to update policies and contracts to ensure that they are in alignment with changing district policies, and in compliance with changing federal and state laws and mandates. In addition, the board can ensure that the needs of our students, teachers, staff members, and families are being met.

We understand the clinical services offered from within the middle school fulfill an important need for our community, the county, and this region. The families of Grant Public Schools benefit from these services and we are pleased to partner with a clinical provider to ensure that quality services continue.

As you may be aware, there has been some speculation around the board's decision to review the clinical services provided to the district. Please be assured that the board initiated the review because we are committed to providing for the health and safety of every Grant student. Our goal is to provide the best possible health care services to the students and families of our community.

In our commitment to that goal, we are working to negotiate the contract for clinical services as soon as possible. As part of the reset of our clinical services, we will be opening discussions soon with our current health care provider to ensure mutual understanding prior to signing a contract. Our desire is to ensure that we are in alignment with our commitment to school safety, adequate communication, and ongoing accountability.

Grant Public Schools remains committed to excellence in teaching and learning for all students. Our priority is to provide a learning environment that is safe and focused on achievement for every child. We appreciate your continued partnership and support in the work of the district. Together we help students learn, grow, and achieve.

Sincerely,

Grant Public Schools Board of Education