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DATE: December 11, 2007
TO: Parents of Fifth Grade Students
FROM: Carolyn Adkisson, Director
SUBJECT: Sixth Grade Optional Programs

PLEASE NOTE: RESPONSE DUE BY FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Chico Unified School District is pleased to offer two sixth grade educational alternatives for your student. A limited number of sixth grade students will have the option of attending sixth grade classes at the junior high school that serves their area of residence or the small learning community at the K-8 Hooker Oak elementary school. Each school will share information with parents regarding their respective sixth grade programs as listed below. This information is intended to help you decide whether or not you wish to have your student participate in either of these optional placements.

Junior High School Sixth Grade Program Information Evening

Bidwell Junior High School: January 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the BJHS Library
Chico Junior High School: January 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the CJHS Library
Marsh Junior High School: January 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the MJHS Library

Small Learning Community K-8 Information Evening

Hooker Oak K-8 Open Structure School: January 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hooker Oak MPR

To enroll your child in the Junior High School Sixth Grade Program or the Small Learning Community Option, you **MUST** complete the attached form and return it to the Department of Educational Services at the Chico Unified School District Office, the junior high school office, or your elementary school office by **Friday, February 22, 2008 4:00 p.m.** If you are not interested in enrolling your child in a sixth grade optional program, please do not fill out or return the form.

There are limited openings in the Bidwell Junior High, Chico Junior High and Marsh Junior High sixth grade programs. Priority status will be given to residents and students from overcrowded elementary schools. A lottery will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 if more applications are received than spaces available at a site. You will be notified by mail if your child is accepted into one of the optional sixth grade programs.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please call 891-3000, extension 137 or 133. If you have questions about the Junior High School sixth grade program, please contact the junior high school that serves your area of residence. If you have questions about the Small Learning Community Option, please contact Hooker Oak Elementary. Thank you for your consideration of these educational opportunities.

Please note: If your child is accepted into the junior high program as a 6th grader during the 2008-09 school year and it is not your resident school, you will need to complete an Intra-district Transfer Request (Form 10) for the 2009-2010 school year if you want them to continue at the same site as a 7th grader.

Attachment

cc: Elementary and Junior High Principals
Board of Education
Kelly Staley, Interim Superintendent