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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are receiving this letter because your son has played either junior high or AAU football in the past, and I want to make you aware of a football program change that will go into effect for next fall's football season. Due to low numbers, and the fact that the Miller/Highmore-Harrold co-op is moving to 11-man, the junior high football team will begin a co-op with Miller for the 2019 season. Some of the details will become clearer as we get closer to next season, but as of now our junior high kids will travel to Miller for practice, with the exclusion of Wednesday because of Church. If your son will be a 6th grader or younger next year, this letter is meant as a heads up for when he enters 7th grade, as 6th graders will not participate with the junior high moving forward.

I know having our 7th and 8th graders travel 46 miles round-trip every day is worrisome, but because we will have the smaller numbers it makes sense from a logistics standpoint to have us travel versus having Miller come over here. It is my hope, not only as superintendent and as a football coach, but as a fan of Highmore-Harrold athletics in general that our boys will continue to participate in this sport despite the travel challenges. Being a part of a team with bigger numbers will be a new experience for many of our boys, but the lesson of having to work harder to earn a spot on a team is an invaluable lesson that will benefit each of them as they continue to grow and mature. And the reward of knowing they worked as hard as they could to earn a spot will be that much sweeter.

As a football coach, I favored the idea of us maintaining our junior high program so we could continue to develop our football players and so we could preserve as much playing time for the boys as possible. Unfortunately, our numbers prevent us from continuing this. I truly hope your son will continue to participate in football as a 7th and 8th grader, and that you will continue to encourage him to do so as well. If you have any questions about this decision, or if you want me to talk to your son about his decision to play or not, please do not hesitate to contact me. There is a very good chance that I will talk to him about this anyway ☺

Thank you for your support of Highmore-Harrold and Miller/Highmore-Harrold athletics, and I look forward to watching your son continue to play this wonderful sport.

Sincerely,

Quinton Cermak
Superintendent, 7-12 Principal, JH Football Coach

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