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Superintendent, Three Rivers School District
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Dan,

On behalf of the Sunny Wolf Charter School, I want to inform you that the Sunny Wolf Charter School does not intend on expanding to 6th grade for the 2011-2012 school year. This decision was not an easy one for the Board to make. Every fifth grade parent at Sunny Wolf has expressed a clear desire for their child to attend this school next year. However, for two reasons, the Board has decided that Sunny Wolf will delay this expansion for one year.

First, this is a very young organization. In order to ensure the long term success of Sunny Wolf, the Board recognizes the importance of establishing a solid foundation. It takes at least a year to establish the full palate of administrative and personnel structures needed for a successful organization. Expanding prematurely could compromise the progress we are realizing toward those ends.

Second, expanding only one class has fiscal challenges for Sunny Wolf. With the possibility of decreased ADMW funding next year, we must make sure we don't threaten the fiscal health of our great school.

We believe the Three Rivers School Board made the right decision in allowing this school to open. The community is thriving around this school, with community involvement occurring at very impressive levels every day. We're confident Three Rivers will soon recognize that Sunny Wolf is financially benefitting our School District.

Please be advised that the Board of Directors for Sunny Wolf Charter School does anticipate expansion to 6th and 7th grade for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the Charter agreement.

Meanwhile, we look forward to working with Three Rivers to ensure that Sunny Wolf Charter School and the Three Rivers School District continue to thrive as quality education providers for Josephine County.

Sincerely,

Dave Toler
School Administrator