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Dear Ringgold families,

We have received some communications regarding a rumor that is circulating that suggests we will not be offering honors courses. *This is not the case*.

What is true is that the Acting High School Principal and the Assistant Superintendent are currently engaged in the annual review of the high school's "Program of Studies" with representatives from the Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA departments in preparations for the 2023-2024 school year. What may be the source of this rumor is that in these conversations, questions have come up about the scope and sequence, curriculum, and levels of academic rigor that exists in the honors classes that distinguish them from our core (non-honors) classes, our AP classes, and our College in High School (CIHS) classes that are offered in the same subject areas.

With the college admissions process having become increasingly competitive and challenging over the last several years, and part of the goal of reviews like this is to ensure that the Ringgold School District is offering both core and accelerated programs of study that meet objectively high standards of rigor that will improve our students' chances of getting into top schools.

The person or persons perpetuating this rumor either grossly misunderstand or are intentionally misconstruing the purpose of this annual process which is to look for ways to expand opportunities for our students and possibly increase the number of AP and CIHS classes we can offer.

Thank you for allowing us to address this rumor and assure you that we will be offering honors courses.

Respectfully,

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