



DESERT HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 3, 2021

Dear Washington County School Board Members:

In February of 2021, Desert Hills Middle School was staffed at 785 students for the upcoming school year. I had a feeling we would grow, so I made sure to use my allotted FTE's to secure an additional teacher for Math, Science, and Social Studies. Throughout the summer we have grown exceedingly greater than anyone could have anticipated! As of August 3, 2021, we have 846 students enrolled and have 35 additional registrations that still need to be entered into PowerSchool.

A critical area with class sizes which have reached, and exceeded, their max is in Technology Ed. We purchased 150 chromebooks last year so we shouldn't have a pressing need for the 21-22 school year. I would like to take the \$12,600 allocated for chromebooks in my TSSA budget and use it to buy an extra period for Russell Gifford. That would allow us to create 2 more sections of Exploring Technology, and subsequently, reduce those class sizes.

I'm hoping that the influx of new registrations levels off, but for now we seem to grow by one or two students per day. Approving this transfer of funds would benefit the students of DHMS immensely! Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ron Sharp", written over a white background.

Ron Sharp
Principal