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Dear Parents/Guardians:

JCPS policy states that all students **must pass Language Arts and Math, have a complete writing folder, and have no more than two U's in any year long class** in order to be considered for promotion to the next grade. Therefore, students in jeopardy of failing either Language Arts or Math or any other year long course, risk failing their entire grade. Additionally, traditional school policy states that students must pass all core classes to remain in the traditional program. Failure to do so will result in the student being exited from the program and reassigned to their home school.

In an effort to accommodate the needs of as many failing students as possible, JCPS offers on-line courses for students failing Language Arts, Math, and 8th grade Social Studies. In addition, Barret also offers many tutoring clubs for after school help. The SBDM Council has decided that Barret will utilize these courses and clubs in lieu of the usual summer school. Therefore, it is important to know that **Barret will not be offering summer school for any subjects.** Online courses will only be offered for the first four grading periods due to end-of-the-year time constraints.

As a parent, it is crucial that you communicate with your child's teacher if they are experiencing difficulty in any subject. Teachers can be reached through use of the student agenda, e-mail, or a simple phone call. Daily grades can be accessed through the parent portal and report cards will continue to be sent home after every grading period.

Online courses are now available and can be accessed from home. Students will automatically be enrolled in eSchool if they receive a failing grade in Math, Language Arts, or 8th grade Social Studies. They must attend an after school orientation session with Mrs. Brawner, ESS Coordinator, in order to begin. Parents will be notified by letter of a meeting detailing eSchool. **Upon completion of the course(s), students must take and pass a final test of competency that must be scheduled and taken at Barret.** A passing grade is determined as 70% or higher with 75% of the grade based on course work and 25% from the final test. Successful completion of the course will result in the replacement of the failing grade. However, failure to meet these requirements will result in failure for the course. If a student fails the course, they may repeat it one time. **All courses must be successfully completed by May 21, 2012.** To access the modules:

Log on to JCPS website at <http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/>

Click on "JCPSeschool"

Log on using student user name and password (these are assigned earlier at the orientation session)

Choose module and begin

Final Test must be taken at Barret computer lab.

Remember: Barret will not be offering a summer school program this year. It is the responsibility of all students to fulfill all requirements for promotion to the next grade level. Likewise, as part of the traditional program, it is the responsibility of all students to pass all core classes to remain in the traditional program. Failure to pass all core classes will lead to exiting the traditional program and possible retention.

Sincerely,

Tom Wortham

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