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To the parent(s) of an amazing Summit County student:

Would your child benefit from a smaller learning environment, one where all students feel supported, respected, and appreciated by their teachers and classmates?

Snowy Peaks serves students who desire a nontraditional, relationship-based school, and I think your child would be a great fit here. At Snowy Peaks, your child will thrive. Our staff recognizes that the rigid nature of traditional education does not always meet the needs of today's learners, and we embrace the challenge of providing a unique and innovative school program that is specifically designed to meet the needs of each of our students.

The Snowy Peaks staff believes that some students learn better with more one-on-one interaction, with more self-pacing and differentiation, and with fewer social distractions. While Summit School District boasts some of the best traditional schools in the state, the large setting may not be the best fit for some kids. Snowy Peaks' small classes and small setting may better meet the needs of these students. All of our grades are limited to ten to fifteen students. Our students thrive in a positive learning community, where they build close relationships with their teachers and classmates. Students also benefit from an environment where there are no strangers. Since Snowy Peaks prides itself on a small setting, our school is a safe place where everyone knows your name, and it is a place where everyone, no matter how unique, is accepted and respected.

Snowy Peaks' passionate teachers create an individualized education plan for every student, and we pride ourselves on working tirelessly to see our students reach their potential.

We still promise unwavering devotion to the success of our students, especially in the following areas:

- We will teach the whole child, focusing on Academics, Character, Community, and Nature.
- We will create a relationship-based environment, where every student feels supported.
- We will give every student an individualized education and do whatever it takes to see every child thrive.
- We will have a relentless focus on learning. As educators, we will dedicate ourselves to seeing students learn and grow, regardless of their academic abilities when they join us.
- We will prepare all students for post-secondary success and help them pursue education after high school.

I don't know your level of familiarity with Snowy Peaks, but I can assure you that the entire team of teachers here at Snowy Peaks is committed to assuring that each child thrives and succeeds. It has been my privilege for the past 20 years to serve Summit County's youth as an English teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Principal. I have forged many relationships with many students and families in Summit County, and I look forward to building a relationship with your child to help him/her thrive both in school and in his/her life.

What is your next step to help your child thrive?

Visit the Snowy Peaks website, where you can find more information and the online application form that I will receive when you complete and submit it. If you would like more information on our school or would like to set up a meeting, please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone at 970-389-8828.

I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, and have a great end of the school year!

Sincerely,

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