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Dear Elementary Families:

Halloween is fast approaching and there are some long standing traditions surrounding this holiday that we are trying to maintain. With some tweaks to ensure the safety of your children, we are going to continue with a parade this year. Safety has been identified as one of the most important items to parents, staff, community members, and students. In an effort to continue our tradition of a Halloween parade and maintain the safety of our students, here is what the Halloween parade will entail this school year.

- 1) Student helpers from the middle school and high school will be coming down to the classrooms to help students get their costumes on and will be escorting the students in the parade, as well as the Luce County Sheriff's Auxiliary.
- 2) The parade route will be changing and we will be parading around the track at the football field.
- 3) ALL parade spectators, including all parents, will need to be at the football field **in the stands** to watch the parade. You may sit in the home bleachers or the visiting team bleachers. If you are unable to get up into the bleachers, please watch from the designated handicap accessible area located on the north side of the track by the visiting teams bleachers.
- 4) The only people participating in the parade will be school students and staff. All parents, friends, family members, and community members will be able to watch and enjoy their little ones in the parade from the bleachers.
- 5) *The parade will begin at 1:45pm.* Staff and students will depart from the school at that time.
- 6) After the parade, parents will be able to pick up their children from the west side of the playground. Please stand in a line on the sidewalk outside the fence on Robinson Street. This is the WEST end of the playground. We will radio for your student to come to the gate entrance, just like we radio for them each day at dismissal. Students will be lined up inside the playground, waiting to be picked up.
- 7) Students who are not picked up early will be dismissed at the end of the day, as usual.
- 8) If the weather does not cooperate, the parade will be canceled.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding. Change is hard, but the safety of our children is of utmost importance. We appreciate you respecting the decision to only include staff and students in the parade and we hope you take advantage of the opportunity to relax and enjoy seeing the smiles and excitement in the students from the stands.