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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In order for a student to graduate from high school, Pennsylvania State Board Regulations require each student in Pennsylvania to complete a project in one or more areas of concentrated study. The purpose of the project, which may include research, writing or some other appropriate form of demonstration, is to “assure that the student is able to apply, analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate significant knowledge and understanding” (Pa. Chapter 4 Title 22).

The Montrose Area School District created the Graduation Project to serve as the vehicle to meet this requirement, judging it to be consistent with graduation requirements across the state. The District also recognizes that the Graduation Project fosters valuable skills and promotes learning and academic excellence. The primary goal of the Graduation Project is to better prepare students for the rigors and challenges of the post-graduation world. The research, writing and communication skills refined throughout this project parallel the planning, problem-solving and organizational skills, as well as sense of personal responsibility and satisfaction that are expected of our graduates and citizens today. These rewards will prove invaluable no matter what direction students’ lives take, and will be especially important if they plan to continue their educations after completing high school.

The handbook provided outlines the Project options, the duties and responsibilities of those involved, the grading rubrics used to grade individual portions of the project and the procedures required to successfully complete the Project. Particularly important are the due dates established for each project component. This written acknowledgement form is to confirm that your child has received a copy of this handbook and has shared its contents with you. Please take the time to review the contents of the handbook carefully with your child. Be especially careful to review the ‘Junior’ requirements with your child, which include resubmitting this signed letter, carefully completing a Project Proposal Form, finding a mentor and submitting their Mentor’s Information and Acknowledgement Sheet and meeting with an advisor – each within the specific timeframe outlined in the packet.

After reviewing the handbook, please sign and date this page below, signifying that you have reviewed the material with your child. This page must be returned to Mr. Eric C. Powers, Senior Project Coordinator, no later than April 20, 2007.

Student Name (printed): _____ Home phone: _____

My child has received a copy of the Montrose Area District Graduation Project Handbook and has shared its contents with me. As parent/guardian of the above-named student, I acknowledge that this project is a requirement for graduation from the Montrose Area School District, and understand that this completed page, submitted to the Project Coordinator, is the first requirement in successfully completing the Project.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian email (optional; please print clearly): _____

As the above-named student, I acknowledge that this project is a requirement for graduation from the Montrose Area School District and have shared the contents of this handbook with my parent(s)/guardian(s). I also understand that this completed page, submitted to the Project Coordinator, is the first requirement in successfully completing the Project.

Student Signature

Date