## Central Aroostook Junior-Senior High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I want to clarify a few things regarding the last period of the school day that is from 1:45-2:30.

- In past years we have had something at the high school level that we have called Power Hour. This was a time for students to get extra help from teachers during regular school hours (instead of after school); at least 30 minutes each day and if they chose, they could use their lunch hour to work as well. At the junior high level, we had an after school Academic Academy that was similar. This year we have moved these learning times to the last period of the day for several reasons. We wanted to allow students to have time to see teachers and instead of 30 minutes, we took out a morning break and were able to make it a full class period of 45 minutes. Due to Covid19, having this time during the last period of the day allows students who do not need to see a teacher, the chance to go home and therefore lessen the time they have to wear a mask.
- We do not consider this last period to be a punishment for the student but a chance to get extra help that they need and also an incentive to use their time wisely in school and possibly get to go home early a day or two every now and then.
- If students are absent from school, they should automatically expect to stay the last period of the day, 1:45-2:30, until they are caught up.
- If a teacher asks a student to meet with them during this time, the students are required to stay, as this time is still part of our regular school day! Please schedule appointments after 2:30, if possible.
- We are very fortunate to be able to offer this time to students and also to be able to provide transportation for them. I trust that students will understand that this time is for their benefit in learning and succeeding in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 425-2811.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kav York