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Mrs. Karla Sprague
Journalism Department
Har-Ber High School
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Dear Mrs. Sprague:

After a thorough review of the October 30, 2018, *Har-Ber Herald* editorial "Hear Us Roar" and the accompanying article titled "Athletes' Transfers in Question," it is my decision to deny the journalism department's request to repost those items on the Har-Ber High School web page. It is my opinion that those writings contain material that is:

1. Intentionally negative, demeaning, derogatory, hurtful and potentially harmful to the students addressed in those articles.
2. Extremely divisive and disruptive to the Springdale School District's educational community.

It is my hope that you can come to understand the position that I have taken and that you will work collaboratively with the Har-Ber High School principal, Dr. Paul Griep, to chart a mutually agreed-upon position for future *Har-Ber Herald* publications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim D. Rollins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jim D. Rollins, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dr. Jared Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent for Personnel
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