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May 1, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

As Superintendent of the Reynolds School District, I would like to express my support to continue the use of Metro funds to support and fund Outdoor School. For many years, Outdoor School has been an integral part of the Reynolds School District elementary curriculum and students have benefited tremendously from the opportunity to participate by introducing students to the importance of nature, resource conservation and waste reduction. Reynolds School District feels fortunate to afford this opportunity to the youth of our community, without Metro funds, many of our students would not have the resources to afford such an opportunity. If I can be of further assistance or offer any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 503-661-7200 x.3401. I look forward to the continued support of Metro funds to help continue this valuable program.

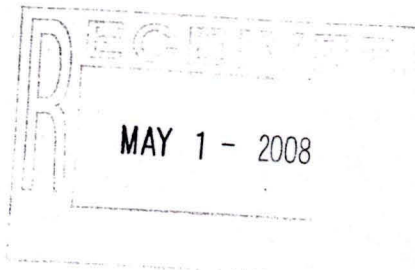
Sincerely,

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Terry Kneisler, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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April 27, 2008

Councilor Rod Park  
District 1  
Metro Regional Center  
600 NE Grand Ave.,  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Dear Councilor Park:

We are writing to encourage you to support Metro's role in finding a permanent funding solution for Outdoor School. We ask for your support in this investment as both parents and life-long residents of this region.

We have had three children take part in Outdoor School, two of them as high school volunteers (student leaders). We've been amazed by the impact Outdoor School has made on our children. For example, upon return from Outdoor School our daughter challenged the family to increase the percentage of waste we recycle. "They make it really easy," she said, telling us that we had no excuses.

As parents and citizens we fully support the balanced approach to environmental education which comes from Outdoor School. The history of our region has been predicated on the wise use and stewardship of our natural gifts. Outdoor School has been fundamental in teaching our children about our environment.

Please contact us if you have questions about our support for Outdoor School. Also, our daughter Sarah, a Junior at Sam Barlow High School, has offered to give you or one of your staff members a tour of her Outdoor School site.

Sincerely Yours,

Joe Parvankin  
Attended Outdoor School in 1974

Shannon Parvankin  
Attended Outdoor School in 1978