



Community Caring Project
PARENTS PLACE

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Woodland Public Schools
Michael Green, Superintendent
800 Third Street
Woodland, WA 98674

Dear Michael:

The following letter is to request an opportunity to make a presentation at a future Board meeting. The purpose of the request is to acknowledge some outstanding work by one of your teachers, Malinda Huddleston. Parents' Place would like to present a certificate of appreciation to Malinda and give a brief presentation re: her contributions to our agency.

Parents' Place is the sole provider of a curriculum in Cowlitz County called READY for Kindergarten. The curriculum was originally part of the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant through ESD 112. We contracted to provide the infant sections while local school districts throughout the county provided the 3-4 and 5 year old classes. The grant ended in 2012. We wrote a grant to United Way of Cowlitz County and have received funding for the last three years to continue this work. Last year at the request of United Way we were charged with finding a measurement to track the school readiness of kindergartners whose parents and caregivers have participated in the classes. We obtained releases from participating school districts to acquire that information. That leads to the reason for this request.

We contacted Malinda re: the Woodland READY kindergartners and her response was remarkably quick and reporting was thorough and very well explained. We would like the opportunity to note her professionalism to the Board.

In closing, thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Griffin

Director

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