

Proclamation of Support for our Before and Afterschool Programming!

WHEREAS, the Principals of Jefferson Elementary, Kate Goodrich Elementary School, Prairie River Middle School, Tomahawk Elementary School and Washington Elementary stand firmly committed to quality before and afterschool programs because these programs:


- Develop skills for academic and personal improvement and success among our youth;
- Encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education;
- Provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our kids that boosts their academic achievement and interest in lifelong learning;
- Support working families by ensuring that their children are safe and productive before and after the regular school day ends; and
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people.

WHEREAS, our before and afterschool programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality before and afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go before and after school; and

WHEREAS, many before and afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on January 31, 2011 we principals enthusiastically will continue to support *before and afterschool programming* and commit our energy to support innovative before and afterschool programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and doors stay open for our schools.



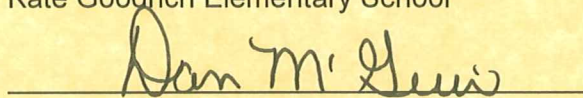
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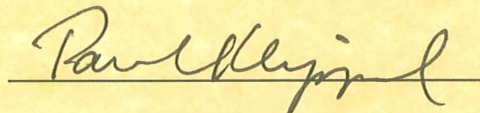
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