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To Whom It May Concern:

The Multnomah Education Service District Outdoor School provides sixth grade students and teachers with a unique opportunity to study science in a hands on manner. The weeklong program has been successful in engaging students in school activities and overcoming resistance to learning about science. In addition, it offers junior and senior high school students, who supervise students at Outdoor School, the opportunity to experience leadership and teamwork.

Since 1981 I have been District Attorney for the largest metropolitan area in the state of Oregon. I recognize the importance of early intervention and delinquency prevention programs. Research tells us that children who stay in school have a better chance of becoming successful, contributing citizens. Outdoor School offers an opportunity for building stronger educational ties with students and is a proven and effective strategy of crime prevention.

The long-term benefits from keeping children in school accrue to all of us. Supporting projects and programs that help children learn and engage them in school has long-term positive impacts in our community. I am a strong supporter of the Outdoor School program and urge your positive consideration of requests for ongoing support for this important educational program.

Very truly yours,

  
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