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Oregon House of Representatives
 Attn: Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak
 OREGON STATE CAPITOL
 900 Court Street, N. E.
 Salem, Oregon 97301

HCR 13 MCKINLEY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

Dear Speaker Kotek, Rep. Clem, Members of the House:

Thank you for your consideration of HCR 13 honoring the Centennial of our neighborhood school. Ours is a neighborhood near the State Capitol. A neighborhood of diversity, mostly of modest homes, small businesses, churches, parks, and playing fields. Half of the children at McKinley School receive assisted or free lunch. We take pride in and have great respect for public education.

The first all day public school kindergarten in the Salem-Keizer 24J District was founded at McKinley in 1997. McKinley parents help to create the award winning Children's Educational Theatre (CET) in 1974, SCAN and an adjacent public park and the first IASA Title X program in Salem. Each year, parents and community volunteers contribute over 1500 hours to school programs. Children participate in music, PE, art, LEGO robotics, science and math activities. The school has a thriving Farm-to-School and Garden program. A marvelous school and a center of our community.

We celebrate our teachers, our principal Annie Morton and our Office Manager Katie Buckley. Test scores are good. Fifth grade OAKS scores in Math and Science were 30% and 21% higher respectively than 24J District wide. Reading for 4th graders was 22% higher. We believe in the common schools, the pride of Oregon.

Please join us in the 100th year historic commemoration of this wonderful, vibrant elementary school.

Sincerely,

Co-Chair, SCAN Historic Preservation,
 Parks & Gardens Committee

❖ *The Walking Neighborhood* ❖