

KRAUSS CRAFT, INC.

Manufacturer of PLAYCRAFT SYSTEMS

July 11, 2011

Mr. Dan Huber-Kantola
Superintendent
Three Rivers School District
P.O. Box 160
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Dear Superintendent Huber-Kantola,

Kurt Krauss, President, CEO and founder of Krauss Craft, Inc., a world leader in commercial playground equipment, would like to request the opportunity to address the Three Rivers School District School Board on Monday, July 18th, 2011. The desired topic for discussion is the Construction Excise Tax. Mr. Krauss recognizes the School District's ability to impose the tax, but feels it is anti-business and not in the best interest of our community. In a highly competitive world market, our company has struggled to grow and provide family wage jobs in a community that, as you know, has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. This growth and success has been challenging and born from Mr. Krauss's philosophy of continued re-investment of hard-earned profits back into the company with a focus on product development and manufacturing technology. Our success has been further stifled by Oregon's anti-business climate, high-energy costs and proximity constraints to some of the industries largest markets in Eastern and Southern states. Any additional taxes/costs imposed on our business have and will continue to erode our ability to grow and remain profitable.

In light of the above and in continued support of our community, Mr. Krauss would like to ask the Board Members for their approval of his offer to contribute \$22,000 in commercial playground equipment to the Three Rivers School District in place of the imposed \$11,250 Construction Excise Tax. This proposal includes extra benefits for the community and TRSD not otherwise provided with the collection of the excise tax.

Krauss Craft, Inc. welcomes the opportunity to aid our community and hopes the Board will allow us to provide what we feel is a more beneficial contribution. We would like to present the Board with a full description/evaluation of our proposal. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is desired.

We look forward to exploring our request in more depth during the meeting.

Sincerely,



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