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To: Parkrose Board of Education

From: Marian L. Young, Director of Human Resources

Re: Afterschool Programming Update – 2008-2009

We are moving forward with plans for afterschool programming for Parkrose School District elementary students. The future of the programming was uncertain given the end of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Grant that funded the program from 2003 through the end of the 2007-08 school year. Parkrose School District was not selected as a recipient of a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Grant. We have been working hard to insure that Parkrose School District elementary students have after school programs available.

With an increase in Title I-A funding and the partnership of the Boys and Girls Club of Portland, we will begin afterschool programming at each of our elementary schools on September 29, 2008. Each school will offer 2.5 hours of programming, to include academic support, enrichment activities and a focus on healthy living. A no-cost supper will be provided four evenings per week at each elementary site. We are prepared to serve about 100 students per site.

We will be using our own staff, funded by Title I-A funds to provide the majority of the staffing for this programming. Vicki Wodarczyk is the district Afterschool Coordinator. In addition, at least four classified staff and one certified staff member will serve in the after school program at each site. We are excited for the opportunity this presents to connect the afterschool programming to the regular school day. We know that this connection is important to increasing student achievement through extended day activities. We have assessments planned to measure the academic growth of students participating in the program.

Our own staffing will be supplemented by Boys and Girls Club staff provided at no cost to the district at least through February 2009. Boys and Girls Club will provide two staff members at each site and one coordinator to be shared by two schools. We appreciate the generosity of the Boys and Girls Club. They are also actively seeking grant funds to support the continuation of their partnership with Parkrose School District in providing after school programming to our students.

We also acknowledge Metropolitan Family Services and the resources that they provide to Shaver Elementary through the SUN program.

We are committed to continuing quality afterschool opportunities to students. Funding will continue to be an issue for which we will need to seek creative and collaborative answers.