

Please put in Board packet under communication.



Dear Superintendent Gray;

A group of us joined together for brunch last Sunday, and amongst the group were several former Parkrose teachers and a former school board chairman. The progress that Parkrose school district has made in the past several years was the object of a discussion, and I wish you could have heard the compliments coming your way! As one person said, "It is good to see the old Parkrose coming back again!". This particular group is actually made up of parents of athletes who graduated in 1972 when Parkrose was a "going concern". When my husband and I came to Parkrose in 1957, our district was listed as the number one school district in the state, and it was high on the list for years. Our children were fortunate to have attended school in those days when they could take music and art classes and all of the other extras that school afforded at that time.

We really admire our dedicated staff for working so hard to create an atmosphere of trust and learning. It was wonderful to read that all of the kids get a chance to get a meal at school, for instance. Our neighborhood school is Sacramento (our own children were the first to attend when it was built), and a year ago, our Russian neighbor boy invited us to visit his classroom. We came home amazed at how beautifully the teacher worked with each student with so many of them being on different levels.

Our eldest daughter is principal of North Albany Middle School so we know well the hours and hours that administrators and classroom teachers put in each day. Please pass along our thanks and admiration to those who work so hard to help our Parkrose children.

Sincerely,
Margot Miller (Mrs. Lionel Miller)