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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

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Michael Lopes Serrao
Parkrose School District
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Dear Superintendent,

This letter serves to formally invite Parkrose School District into the Intensive Coaching Program outlined in the Student Success Act (SSA). This invitation marks an historic opportunity to further advance the Oregon Department of Education's commitment to partnership with school districts in Oregon while striving to provide high-quality, value-add support.

Section 18 of the SSA directs the Oregon Department of Education to "establish an intensive program for school districts with the highest needs in this state." Eligibility for invitation to the program is established based only on an analysis of student outcome data as well as student demographic data. The Intensive Coaching Program strives to proactively provide school districts with additional perspectives in developing, implementing and monitoring the progress of improvement strategies and approaches aligned with the spirit and focus of the SSA.

By accepting this invitation, the school district agrees to:

- Develop and support partnership and participation in the Student Success Team that includes district and community roles, and;
- A minimum of four-year collaboration with the department and the external success team members serving on the co-created Student Success Team, and;
- Accept the recommendations and direction of the Student Success Team regarding strategies, approaches and use of Student Investment Account funds as well as additional grant-in-aid allocated under this program, and;
- Consider recommendations of the Student Success Team regarding strategies, approaches and use of all general funds.

By participating in the program, the district will receive:

- Intensive supports from Student Success Team stewards contracted by ODE,
- Grant-in-aid available for additional improvement activities above and beyond current Student Investment account resources between \$700,000 and \$800,000 per year, subject to change based on participating school district as well as legislative funding,
- Ongoing professional development and training, and
- Increased technical assistance and support from ODE staff, including a single point of contact as part of implementing this program.

After four years, participating school districts will have demonstrated improvement when:

- Student outcome data has improved to a point where the district would not be eligible for the program; and
- The Student Success Team determines the district has made progress in achieving the stated goals; and
- A community assessment indicates that sufficient progress has been made; and
- The school board and success teams have established a sustainability plan to preserve the progress and improvements made.

Please notify the Department of the district's intent to accept or to decline this invitation within 10 business days of receipt of this letter via email. Districts who intend to accept the invitation will have an additional 60 days to move through formal school board procedures to accept the invitation.

Should you have any questions or need additional support moving forward, please call or email Tim Boyd, Director of District and School Effectiveness (503.580.5105 | tim.boyd@state.or.us) at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Nine", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Nine
Assistant Superintendent
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