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The Honorable Ron Wyden U.S Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Merkley,

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to introduce myself as the new Superintendent of Neah-Kah-Nie School District. As one of our esteemed legislators and leaders, we know that your support and collaboration are vital to the success of our educational community.

I'm excited to join this wonderful community in the Pacific Northwest. Originally from Alabama, I taught high school math and served as a 5-12 principal in Arkansas. I met my fiancé while serving in Teach For America in the Arkansas Delta. While we loved the rural communities of the south, we made the decision last year to move closer to her Astorian family. We've been living in Nehalem for a year and know this is where we want to build a family.

In my classroom and district leadership experience, I have worked with stakeholders and legislators across a dynamic political spectrum. With the challenges and opportunities our education system faces today, I firmly believe that you and your team must do similar work to do what is best for our students. As our region's representative in Washington, your support and advocacy for educational initiatives are of the utmost importance. We sincerely request your continued support and partnership as we embark on this new chapter under new leadership in Neah-Kah-Nie. Your work will undoubtedly play a crucial role in shaping our district's policies and ensuring that our students receive the best possible education.

When you are back in our area, I kindly request to schedule a meeting to introduce myself formally and discuss how we can collaborate for the betterment of our education system.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 503-355-2222 or tylerr@nknsd.org.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Tyler Reed Superintendent