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Representative Phil Barnhart
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Dear Representative Barnhart,

Thank you for being such a strong supporter of public education. We wish to call to your attention and ask for your help in a matter very important to the quality of educational opportunities in our school district. Under OAR 327.357 (Small School District Grants) we have been receiving approximately \$42,296.10 per year to help support our high school. However this grant is being repealed June 30, 2012. We call on you to support legislation to reenact the Small School District Grants.

In this time of increased demands on our schools and ever dwindling resources, the loss of these grants will cause the elimination of two Career Technical Education courses from our high school offerings, which are bare bones as it is. We will be coordinating our efforts with the Oregon Small Schools Association to support legislation to reenact ORS 327.357.

We truly appreciate all of your help and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

A.J. Grauer
Superintendent

Judy Breeden
Board Chairperson

327.357 Small school district grants; rules.

- (1) In addition to those moneys distributed through the State School Fund, the Department of Education shall award grants to small school districts with one or more small high schools from moneys appropriated to the department from the Small School District Supplement Fund.
- (2) The amount of each grant = the small high school's ADM (the total amount available for the grants in each fiscal year the total ADM of all small high schools).
- (3) A small school district shall receive a grant under this section for each small high school operated by the school district.
- (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules necessary for the administration of this section. [2005 c.803 §5]

Note: 327.357 (Small school district grants) is repealed June 30, 2012