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Board Chair Dr. Kristina Mayer and
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RE: Letter of Appreciation for Your District’s Unprecedented Efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Board Chair Mayer and Superintendent Engle,

The purpose of this letter is to thank you, your school administrators, and certificated and classified staff for your extraordinary work during school year (SY) 2019-20, and throughout the first six months of SY 2020-21. The levels of cooperation, communication, and collaboration between school districts, OSPI and the Olympic Educational Service District remain at levels that make us collectively proud to be part of Washington’s Public Education system.

The historic and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented challenges in preparing for and supporting student learning in ways none of us contemplated less than one year ago. Despite continuous uncertainty, teachers, school support staff and administrators, and School Boards continue to plan, make decisions, and act in a manner that best supports our students, their families and our respective communities.

While the pandemic isn’t over and we face difficult times ahead, we remain inspired by your work, your commitment to education, and the challenges of publicly leading during crisis. We especially appreciate the manner in which you effectively lead as thousands of community members across our Region observe and participate in meetings where you are routinely faced with making difficult decisions.

Most importantly, we share our appreciation, admiration and thanks to teachers, school support staff and school administrators who ensure continuity of education of our youth during this current historic crisis. We recognize the remarkable levels of collaboration between school districts, OSPI and OESD, and the time-consuming, outstanding work by your Superintendent and your Central Office Departments, staff and administrators. Our virtual environment motivated by crisis, added hundreds of additional hours of planning and coordination since March 2020.

OESD remains ready and willing to support you to the fullest extent that our collective resources allow. Please accept this letter of appreciation with our affirmation to redouble our support efforts as we move into the second half of SY 2020-21.


Carl R. Johnson
OESD Board Chair


Gregory J. Lynch
Superintendent

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