



## PROCLAMATION TO HONOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*WHEREAS*, on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, a fire ravaged Marysville School, launching nearly 50 staff into a much rehearsed, but never realized role of calmly guiding more than 430 children out of the building and into the safe surroundings of Multnomah County's Holgate Branch Library;

*WHEREAS*, Portland Public Schools was suddenly faced with the reality of where these children would go to school and how to create that new school in a matter of days;

*WHEREAS*, within hours of the fire, calls of support and help started to pour into the school district, each offering what they could during this time of uncertainty and need;

*WHEREAS*, through the generosity of caring individuals as well as businesses and organizations small and large, trucks started to appear at Rose City Park less than 24 hours after the tragedy. People brought whatever was needed in order to regain a semblance of normalcy for children and teachers who watched their beloved school burn. The outpouring of goods and services, coupled with the selfless acts of members of the community, ensured that students felt welcome and safe as they arrived at their new school the following Monday, November 16, 2009.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, The Board of Education for Portland Public Schools would like to thank

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for your outstanding service to students and staff. Caring citizens are the riches of the city, while compassionate partners are the lifeblood of the community.

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