



Office of Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

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The Honorable Theodore Kulongoski
Governor of the State of Oregon
State Capitol, Room 160
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kulongoski,

We are writing to request that you designate the Humboldt School Project as an Oregon Solutions project. Humboldt School is a pre-K through 8th grade school located in North Portland that has lost significant enrollment in recent years. Currently, Humboldt has a dedicated staff, strong leadership, and committed community partners that support its educational and outreach efforts.

All of our organizations have made or will make substantial investments in the Humboldt Neighborhood. We want to ensure that our efforts in housing, community development, and education are coordinated, creative, and positive for the neighborhood and the school. We believe that an Oregon Solutions project will leverage our resources and those of additional partners to create positive differences in the Humboldt Neighborhood and at the Humboldt School.

We hope that the Humboldt School Project will both catalyze additional collaborative efforts in the neighborhood and will provide a model for other communities with schools that may be suffering from declining enrollment.

We appreciate your support in our endeavor and are eager to utilize the Oregon Solutions Community Governance System.

Sincerely,

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City of Portland

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City of Portland

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Commission

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