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Dear CRC colleagues,

While we were together in the board room yesterday, I could not help but reflect upon where we all were just a year ago. Although this incredible facility was under construction, it was not yet "real" for so many of us a year ago. Yet, at our first-ever all CRC staff meeting, we appeared to be settled in, comfortable, connected and "at home." We have, indeed, come far, and again, I thank each of you for the part you played in making the transition work so well for you – and for those students, families and public we serve.

If you want more information, or are getting questions about the complex topic of property taxes, you might find the <u>online video</u> produced by the ESD to be helpful. It clarifies what happens to tax "rates" when property values change and when more properties are built in a school district.

I was reminded after the meeting yesterday that a very important acknowledgement was missing – that is of the playoff game this weekend between the Seahawks and the 49ers. How could I have missed that?! Every Friday before a Seahawks game is a *Blue Friday* – the Governor even proclaimed last Friday an official state *Blue Friday*. The least I can do is declare Friday, Jan. 17 as *Blue Friday* here at the CRC.

In the spirit of our regional pride in the Seahawks – and of our own great CRC team spirit – let's wear Seahawks blue on Friday. Let's also ensure that our colorful *fanmanship* supports the pride we have in the team <u>and</u> the professional pride we have in our work and service as a public agency.

I'm in! Go Seahawks! Gary