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Dear Colleague:

At last night's reception, I had the very special honor of recognizing 25 district staff members who are retiring from service to the Everett Public Schools. Collectively, their service to our community's students represents more than 1,388 years – or, as School Board President Pam LeSesne commented, "... almost 14 centuries of making a difference in children's lives."

This was the first-time-in-memory that the district has choreographed a large gathering of retirees and their family and friends for such a celebration. What people most remember from past retirement acknowledgements are individual presentations at school board meetings in a room that was far too small for all who wanted to take part, and which was just a small portion of a regular school board business meeting. At last, in our Community Resource Center, we are able to express our gratitude to employees in a setting that honors the work they have done – and to give it a special, designated time representative of one's life's work.

It was truly an honor to recognize staff from all areas of the district – all in the same ceremony – and to do so with as many guests as each honoree wanted to bring. I was particularly touched by the number of people who have served in so many different locations and who drew co-workers from several decades to last night's festival of gratitude.

Thank you to all who attended and who prepared so many fitting comments about each retiree. The love, compassion and camaraderie with which we do our work in each school and support site was evident for all last night.

On June 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., we'll hold another special event here at the Community Resource Center, and one in which you may be interested – the CRC's dedication. We finally found a date that works for the school board, our staff, student artists, community members, and the AquaSox! In addition to very special student performances, the dedication will include tours of the facility and a chance to meet and visit with staff who each day support the work in our schools. Two of our special guest speakers are Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson and Snohomish County Executive John Lovick.

Please watch your email for that dedication invitation and a link to an RSVP that will enable us to ensure that we have enough cookies on hand! I look forward to officially dedicating this facility to our community and to **you** and the work **you** do on behalf of students every single day. Have a great weekend!

Warm wishes,

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