



June 5, 2019

Doug Carnine & Tom Maloney
Spreading Kindness Campaign

Subject: Support for campaign to make Eugene and Springfield "Cities of Kindness"

Dear Kindness Campaign Representatives,

Eugene School District 4J is committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all of our students, staff and families. Our basic beliefs and core values are in alignment with the goals of the campaign to make Eugene and Springfield "Cities of Kindness" and are reinforced by the efforts of the campaign.

We believe that a focused emphasis on proactive kindness can strengthen efforts to support students' social emotional learning, improve school climate, increase attendance and engagement, and decrease bullying and disruptive behavior.

Kindness contributes to improving our well-being and the well-being of those around us. Through acts of kindness we are able to bridge differences and empower individuals and communities. Kindness is free and accessible to everyone.

Increasing the level of kindness and creating a culture of kindness in the district is desirable, as it can make a positive difference in the lives of our students, staff and families and can aid in the betterment of our community.

The Eugene School District 4J Board of Directors supports the local Kindness Campaign and the efforts to make Eugene and Springfield "Cities of Kindness."

Sincerely,

Alicia Hays, Chair

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