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**From:** Deana Tolliver [mailto:change.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 09, 2012 5:23 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Don't cut Popular, Successful Community School Programs

Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Mr. Healy

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Don't cut Popular, Successful Community School Programs

Please save the directors' positions of the Longfellow and King Community Schools and add a director for the Amigos Program.

If there were a program that serves 1,400 children, 200 seniors, hundreds of families and adults with offerings of 1,700 enrichment classes for children, dozens of exciting day trips per year, and immensely successful summer camp programs serving 900 children, and Arts in the Parks program for hundreds of city children during summer school vacation, all at very little cost to the city per child or adult served, WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT A GREAT PROGRAM WORTHY OF FUNDING? Let's further ask: Why wouldn't you want to fund a program that PROMOTES the City Council GOALS of "fostering community..." and "supporting neighborhood vitality" and also meets the Council GOALS to "strengthen and support Human Services... and out of school learning" which Community Schools do on a greater scale than any other out-of-school-time program or community building program in this city. COUNCILLORS: WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR REQUEST THAT ABSOLUTELY NO COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL BE CUT, EVER, NOT THE KING COMMUNITY SCHOOL NOR THE LONGFELLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND THAT THE AMIGOS PROGRAM IS GIVEN A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN THEIR NEW HOME ON UPTON STREET.

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Sincerely,

Community Schools provide much needed resources, guidance and enrichment to families and residents who could otherwise afford such services. Eliminating a Director Position, and thus an entire neighborhood program, would cost thousands of Cambridge residents access to classes and programs that not only provide a fun environment for them to socialize and learn, but also a safe and warm place for them to stay after school. The cost of what these students and seniors will do without these programs (both fiscally and ethically) is far greater than keeping them.

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Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at <http://www.change.org/petitions/save-the-community-school-program-in-cambridge>. To respond, click here <[http://www.change.org/petitions/save-the-community-school-program-in-cambridge?response=%7Bpetition\\_target\\_anonymized\\_hash%7D](http://www.change.org/petitions/save-the-community-school-program-in-cambridge?response=%7Bpetition_target_anonymized_hash%7D)> <<http://email.change.org/wf/open?upn=1zBD4MwbBZZUsxaNNdFSSmUuKgDcpwNb8N6VdU91jM-2FpIceHPydv8WFinG9FI10xGekZB3zFaRj1E-2FfRCbkrLlhdSmdlPNNZ0GmdGwk12mjaKGvkn0qz1QZS30->