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Lopez, Donna

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Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 8:16 PM
To: Lopez, Donna
Subject: Don't cut Popular, Successful Community School Programs

Greetings,

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

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.**

Sincerely,

The City Manager states "I understand that the (Amigos) Principal, working with the families from the school, has set aside some space in the building for the Community School." The King Community was NEVER consulted and we do not support losing our Community School. There are several issues at stake and the fact that this process happened on a Friday at the end of vacation, with the possible vote being taken on Monday is suspect at best.

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Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at

