



*Ken Noah, Superintendent*

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## **Gresham-Barlow School District 10 Jt.**

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Multnomah County Commissioners  
% Diane Linn, Chair  
Multnomah County  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600  
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Chair Linn and Multnomah County Commissioners:

We, the superintendents of the eight Multnomah County school districts, respectfully submit to you our request to have all early childhood and school-aged mental health consultants restored to the Multnomah County budget for fiscal year 2005-06.

Our work with you to create a comprehensive system of care for children's mental health has only just begun. We believe that in a time of diminishing resources we must work together to maximize all of our existing resources while identifying revenue-generating opportunities to support the mental health needs of children in Multnomah County. County employed mental health consultants are able to generate revenue through Federally Qualified Health Center dollars. We are confident that by retaining these vital positions and our continuing to work together we can realize the full implementation of the County's Recommendations for Children's Mental Health.

Sincerely,

Ken Noah  
Superintendent

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On behalf of:

Bob Dunton, Superintendent  
Thomas Hagerman, Superintendent  
Terry Kneisler, Superintendent  
Bob McKean, Superintendent  
Vicki Phillips, Superintendent  
Barbara Rommel, Superintendent  
Ed Schmitt, Superintendent  
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