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Multnomah County Commissioners
% Diane Linn, Chair
Multnomah County
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600
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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
Mike Taylor, Superintendent

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