



Classified Employee Appreciation Week March 2 – 6, 2009

WHEREAS the education of our youth is imperative to our school district, to Oregon, to our nation, our world; and

WHEREAS classified school employees in our school districts, education service districts and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public school system; and

WHEREAS classified employees work directly with our children, staff, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members and are responsible for the transportation, nutrition and general well-being of our children as well as assist certified staff in direct instruction; and

WHEREAS classified employees ensure the smooth operation of our offices, the maintenance of buildings and property, and the safety of our staff and students and the community trusts them as important messengers about our schools; and

WHEREAS our community depends on classified employees to serve students and other staff, often in challenging circumstances and classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture our youth throughout their K-12 years;

We, members of the Springfield Board of Education, join Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski in proclaiming March 2 through 6, 2009, to be Classified School Employee Week in Springfield, Oregon, and encourage all members of our community to join in this observance recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2009.

Nancy Bigley, Chair

Jonathan Light, Vice Chair

Laurie Adams

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