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To Whom it May Concern,

Lincoln County School District would like to support the efforts of the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians as they pursue plans to expand in Oregon.

Lincoln County School District has been a long-standing partner of the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians. In November they provided an outstanding 300 meals to the students of North Lincoln County. They provide donation to many of the non-profit groups within our county that have a direct impact on the student in our District. When a need arises, the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians is a partner we can count on.

Not only have they been great partners to us but they play an important role in supporting the communities within our county. They have donated millions of dollars over the last two decades and have provided a gathering place at Chinook Winds Casino during power outages. They have showed outstanding leadership throughout the pandemic being one of the first to shut down in our community. When they reopened they were also one of the first to monitor temperatures, implement vaccine mandates (currently 100% vaccinated), and require face coverings.

Just over a year ago, parts of Lincoln County were devastated by the Echo Mountain Wildfire. The Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians provided shuttle service to fire victims, a gathering place for their community, and continue to support victims with a place for temporary FEMA housing.

Lincoln County School District is grateful for the continued support of the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians and their commitment to us and our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Karen Gray, Superintendent of Schools