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June 1, 2007

Randy Dorn
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Dear Randy:

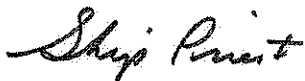
First, let me express my appreciation for the excellent work done by you and your staff during the recent legislative session. Your availability and expertise was extremely valued as we debated critical school funding issues including classified staff compensation concerns.

As to the specific issue of funding equity for classified employees, I think it is very clear that our intent was that the appropriated dollars go to classified employees to help equalize salaries on a state-wide basis. Of course, classified employees must bargain locally for the funds but it will hopefully be done with the legislature's goals in mind.

Speaking personally, I'm very appreciative of the outstanding work done in our local school districts by our classified employees and consider them the backbone of our K-12 educational system. If there are any questions or concerns about any legislative intent, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to a continued excellent working relationship with PSE.

With best personal regards,



Skip Priest

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