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Hello District Leaders

My name is Alison Taylor, and I am a parent of Ben, a second grader in Portland Public School's Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion Program (VDLI). I taught high school math for over 17 years in PPS as a math teacher at both Roosevelt and Grant High Schools. The purpose of my writing is to ask you to add a second teacher for Rose City Park Elementary (RCP) 3rd grade VDLI program. Right

the ideal 50/50 mix of students from native English and Vietnamese families compared to other DLI programs that serve mostly white families. After English and Spanish, the Vietnamese language is the third most spoken language in Oregon. And the impact on Dual Language programs for our Emerging Bilingual students outperform any other ELL programs offered anywhere. Instead of one bus for our students coming from outside the neighborhood, we should have three. Instead of one elementary-middle-high school housing the VDLI program, we should have three. If adequately funded and supported, PPS's VDLI program could and should be an example for the nation of best practices for our Emerging Bilingual students.

Lastly, I am told that there are two full-time equivalent (fte) teacher positions on the scholar side of Rose City Park's kindergarten program. I also hear the incoming class may be very small. My hope is that if this group of students only needs one teacher, the remaining fte will still go to classrooms at RCP.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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