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December 4th, 2014

Dear Wilson Friends and Families,

School funding has improved in Oregon, and PPS this fall benefitted from unexpected revenues of over \$16 million. Sounds good (and it is) but keep in mind that over the past 15 years funding has declined so steeply that Oregon is now well below national average in per-student spending. Although school funding has improved slightly and the economy is in recovery, Oregon is still behind the curve in funding a quality education for our children.

The Wilson Foundation raises money to pay for additional teachers at Wilson. Do you value a breadth of elective offerings and reasonable class sizes? Do you value a strong high school in our community that engages students and prepares them to be successful after graduation? Then **please make a contribution to the Wilson Foundation**. We rely on our community to bridge the gap between adequate and excellent.

Thanks to your support in past years we have been able to add elective courses, reducing class size and increasing choices for students, keeping them in school and engaged. Back after several years' absence are Wood and Metal Shop and Marketing. New courses this year include Sound Engineering, Video Engineering, Dance, Yoga, and Latin. Help us keep up the momentum!

This is not the staffing crisis that we have seen in years past, but **given that our funding mechanism in Oregon is not stable, the reality is that we never know what to expect from year to year**. Money in our Wilson Foundation account will provide a measure of both flexibility and security, allowing us to fill gaps in our funding and enhance our course offerings according to what our community wants or needs.

Teachers are one of the biggest budget items in any school's budget, so unlike other fundraising groups, Foundation needs to mobilize a lot of donations to make an impact. Every contribution helps.

Two Wilson families have generously pledged donations of \$500 each to kick off this fundraising campaign. Help us turn this into an amount that will really make a difference at Wilson High School.

If you haven't given yet this year, please consider that your donations make a direct impact on the quality of education available to our students and give generously. If you attended a house party in October and made a donation, thank you—you helped raise over \$17,000 in one night! Please now consider whether your budget can accommodate an additional contribution, perhaps on a monthly basis. Don't wait for the Auction, as this year the paddle raise will be dedicated for much-needed student technology improvements.

Foundation funding impacts every student in the school. Please support Foundation today.

Sincerely,

The Wilson Foundation Committee



Employers who will match your donation

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