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October 20, 2010

Mark Houk, Principal
Yale Elementary School
11842 Lewis River Road
Ariel, WA 98603

Dear Principal Houk:

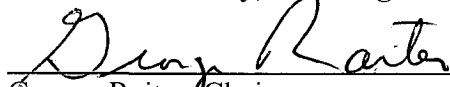
Congratulations on receiving the Washington State Apple Award on improvement! We commend the students, the parents and the teachers.


When the state legislators were reviewing the educational budgets in the past years, Yale Elementary School was being considered to be combined with another Woodland School. Today, the Yale School is still open and designated as a remote and necessary school, thankfully for the main stakeholders in literacy and schooling – students and their parents.

School is a key to developing not only book smarts, but also social skills. Confidence and learning how to gain and keep responsibility pave the road to success in the world outside school. As a recipient of the state's distinguished GreatSchools rating, you all have succeeded in giving your students a ladder to the future.

Congratulation, again, to your huge success!

Sincerely,
**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**


George Raiter, Chair


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cc: Commissioners' Record