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My name is Evan O'Grady. I am a first year teacher at Ukiah School. I have witnessed, first hand, the hard work and dedication that this community has put in to ensuring that the youth of this city are being fully taken care of and nurtured. to be well adjusted and highly functioning members of our society. Not only are we endowing our students with intellectual integrity, but we are also committed to fostering kindness, compassion, and care for their fellow man. These are exceptional students with exceptional dreams and goals. They are kind to one another and are respectful of authority. I have no doubt that these students will become some of the bright spots that keep our region fruitful.

When I first started working at this school, I was initially struck by how kind all of the students were. I called them princess and princesses when discussing their behavior with any other community member. It is amazing think about how quality their attitudes are in comparison to what these students must go through on a day to day basis. Life in Ukiah is, by no means, an easy life to endure. There are harsh winters, hot summers, and it exists an hour's drive away from the nearest urban facilities. The school building of Ukiah acts as a haven from poverty and center for community hope and prosperity.

Understandably, this building has seen some use over the years and is in need of renovations. It would be ideal to fix some of the leaks and asbestos that remains in the school from a different time in history. Repairs must be made so that we can ensure the health and wellness of the youth of this community, and by doing so, maintain a safe place for students to continue to learn, grow and launch themselves into their next stages of life.

Thank you for all will do and already have done.

Sincerely,

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