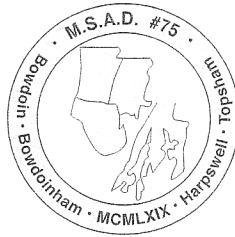


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Rick Wilson
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Dear Rick:

The teachers, students and administration of M.S.A.D. No. 75 have been fortunate to have such a wonderful resource as CREA available to the schools in the District. Both our schools and communities have benefitted greatly from this partnership over the past eleven years. From the accessibility of the Cathance River Preserve, to CREA's teacher training workshops, classroom lessons, outdoor education experiences, availability of state-of-the art field study equipment, and the expertise of CREA's staff and network of local partners, CREA has proven to be a valuable ally in the education of our students.


We are particularly proud of the in-depth learning experiences CREA offers through your ongoing collaboration with teachers like Mt. Ararat's Glenn Evans and Mike Cooney, in providing field study resources and support for their students' projects throughout the year. We are also excited about the pilot program CREA has undertaken with Woodside Elementary School, which has proven quite successful. How fortunate these students are to have the opportunity to learn about the environment and the importance of preserving it for all.

With one year's lessons building on the other, these students have a unique opportunity to develop a strong foundation for becoming environmentally literate adults, especially critical in this time of growing environmental challenges. As you have said before, "the knowledge and skills learned will benefit them and our world, regardless of whether they go on to become tomorrow's scientists or well informed environmental citizens in any field they choose." Based on the teacher surveys from year one, this project is already a great success. It will serve as a valuable model to other schools, locally, Statewide and across the nation.

M.S.A.D. No. 75 is committed to doing what we can to assure that this vital community resource remains available to our students. Our parent groups have worked hard to raise the funds needed for program fees and transportation, and we greatly appreciate your efforts to keep your fees within reach. We recognize that this is only possible through the generosity of your funders, helping underwrite the true cost so that fees can stay low.

During this time of continued school budget crisis Statewide, the generous support of our community in providing critical resources for our children's education is of paramount importance! Please know that we enthusiastically endorse CREA's current round of grant requests, seeking funds to help cover the cost of CREA's educational outreach and field studies programs, ensuring that these programs remain accessible and fees affordable for local schools. I look forward to expanding an already positive relationship between our organizations!

Sincerely,


Bradley V. Smith
Superintendent of Schools