

OSPI: Keep Prescott School District Open



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To OSPI Superintendent Reykdal and the OSPI Financial Oversight Committee:

Prescott is more than just a school; it is the heart of Prescott for our families. It is also an essential connection to families from Vista Hermosa and Prescott - almost 80% of the school district's students are from the local farm worker community. We want our children to have the same opportunities that allowed past generations to succeed. These opportunities shaped young students into adults who became a Senator, teachers, doctors, immigration attorneys, soldiers, farmers, and many other honorable professionals.

We believe in this school. We are ready to do the hard work to ensure its future success. But that work can only be done if it's accessible to the families this district serves. Many of these families have not been able to be a part of the budget decisions that brought the district to this point because the meetings and materials about those decisions were only in English. We are thankful for the recent resources provided by the United Way and Elevate to make the most-recent meetings accessible, but this does not address the time we've already lost in this fight to save our beloved school.

Education is the bedrock of every parent's dream for their children. As parents, we want our children to go to school in their own community - the community that raised them, loves them, and will protect them. We urge you to work with the legislature, the Prescott School Board, and other partners to find a path forward that preserves Prescott's 118 year legacy. We stand ready to be of service and support this work.

Para el Superintendente Reykdal de la Oficina del Superintendente de Instrucción Pública y al Comité de Supervisión Financiera de OSPI:

Prescott es más que una simple escuela; para nuestras familias, es el corazón de Prescott. Es también una conexión esencial con las familias de Vista Hermosa y Prescott: casi el 80 % de los alumnos del distrito escolar proceden de la comunidad local de trabajadores agrícolas. Queremos que nuestros hijos tengan las mismas oportunidades que permitieron a las generaciones anteriores triunfar. Estas oportunidades convirtieron a estudiantes en adultos que se convirtieron en senadores, profesores, médicos, abogados de inmigración, soldados, agricultores y muchos otros honorables profesionistas.

Esta es una escuela en la que confiamos. Estamos dispuestos a trabajar duro para asegurar su futuro. Pero ese trabajo solo puede hacerse si las familias de este distrito participan. Muchas de estas familias no han podido formar parte de las decisiones presupuestarias que han llevado al distrito a la situación en la que se encuentra, porque las reuniones y los materiales sobre esas decisiones solo estaban en inglés. Agradecemos los recursos proporcionados recientemente por las organizaciones United Way y Elevate, ya que la información ha sido más accesible en las últimas reuniones, pero esto no compensa el tiempo que ya hemos perdido en esta lucha por salvar a nuestra querida escuela.

La educación es la base del sueño que todo padre de familia tiene para sus hijos. Como padres de familia, queremos que nuestros hijos vayan a una escuela dentro de su propia comunidad, la que los ha criado, los quiere y los protegerá. Les pedimos que trabajen con la legislatura, la Junta Escolar de Prescott y otros colaboradores para encontrar una solución que mantenga el legado de Prescott, de 118 años. Estamos listos para ayudar y apoyar este trabajo..

Gloria Alvarado, Prescott, WA

Lucia Diaz, Prescott, WA

Fidelia Balbuena, Prescott, WA

Cynthia Ruekas, Prescott, WA

Mariana Lopez, Prescott, WA

Maria Escalante, Prescott, WA

Moises Escalante, Prescott, WA

Nadia Lopez, Prescott, WA

Irazu Martinez, Prescott, WA

Arely Gracia, Prescott, WA

Olivia Vargas, Prescott, WA

Socorro Garcia, Prescott, WA

Cinthy Sandoval, Prescott, WA

Maribel Figueroa, Prescott, WA

Alyssa Flores, Prescott, WA

Ana salazar, Prescott, WA

"We hope you are for us. The paramount work of the State of Washington is education. Prescott is in the education business. It has helped grow and develop hundreds of students into productive members of society. Keep us open! The financial downfall was at the hands of previous staff. None of them are still at Prescott. But those that are are here because they want to see it continue."

– BOB

Isamar Lagarda, Prescott, WA

Heather Lane, Prescott, WA

Josue Hernandez, Prescott, WA

Maria Flores, Prescott, WA

Zenaida Rebolledo, Prescott, WA
Katherine Curtis, Prescott, WA
Sara Fletcher, Prescott, WA
Sarah Pearson, Prescott, WA
Jaimie Mayberry, Prescott, WA
Ana Cortes, Prescott, WA
Adriana , Prescott, WA
Hugo Palacios, Prescott, WA
Paul Martinez, Prescott, WA
Tim Tiedemann, Prescott, WA
Ashleigh Tiedemann, Prescott, WA
Isela Ayala, Prescott, WA
Esteban Vazquez, Prescott, WA
Karen Romero, Prescott, WA
Hailey Goenen, Prescott, WA
Troy, Prescott, WA
Diana Young, Prescott, WA
Kaleb Young, Prescott, WA
Mark Flores, Prescott, WA
Ayleen, Prescott, WA
Edgar Lopez, Prescott, WA
Pauline Cordeiro, Prescott, WA
Juli Hiebert, Prescott, WA
Bob Young, Prescott, WA
Sabina Estrada, Prescott, WA
Laura Chabre, Prescott, WA
Erik Young, Prescott, WA
Patty Mayberry, Prescott, WA
Saul Calderon Pimentel, Prescott, WA
Marycruz Vazquez, Prescott, WA
Ahine Cedillo, Prescott, WA
Artemia Sanchez, Prescott, WA



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“El cierre de la escuela tendría un impacto profundamente negativo: las familias tendrían que trasladarse a otros distritos, afectando su estabilidad laboral y familiar; los estudiantes enfrentarían largos tiempos de transporte; y la comunidad perdería uno de sus pilares más importantes. Mantener abierta la escuela de Prescott no solo garantiza acceso equitativo a la educación, sino que también preserva la unión, identidad y esperanza de toda la comunidad.”

“The school closure would have a profoundly negative impact: families would have to move to other districts, affecting their jobs and family stability; students would face long commutes; and the community would lose one of its most important pillars. Keeping the Prescott school open not only guarantees equitable access to education, but also preserves the unity, identity, and hope of the entire community.”

– GLORIA

Alan Figueroa, Prescott, WA
Gabriela moreno, Prescott, WA
Miguel Pio, Prescott, WA
Angelica Corrales, Prescott, WA
Isaías López-Feria, Prescott, WA
Ana Gonzalez, Prescott, WA
Ivan Martinez, Prescott, WA
Maria V, Prescott, WA
Omar Cuevas, Prescott, WA
Jasmin Rivera, Prescott, WA
Quisela Aguirre, Prescott, WA
Vesla Tonnessen, Bellingham, WA
Magdalena Martinez, Bothell, WA
Angeles, Burbank, WA
Mayson Edmister, College Place, WA
Tiffany Hedman, College Place, WA
Janice Eberth, Colville, WA
Shannon Milsten, Dayton, WA
Adie Simmons, Edmonds, WA
Yoshiguet, Entiat, WA
Rosa Jimenez, Kennewick, WA
Berenice , Kennewick, WA
Rolando Romero, Kennewick, WA
Daniel Arzola, Kennewick, WA
Liset WellPoint, Othello, WA
Teresa Garcia, Pasco, WA
Patricia Madrigal, Pasco, WA
Katia Sanchez, Pasco, WA
Angela Hernandez, Pasco, WA
Adriana Hernandez, Pasco, WA
Bertha Magallan, Pasco, WA
Mariana Hernandez, Pasco, WA

"Por favor no cierren esta institución son muchos los motivos para mantenerla abierta. Esos motivos son nuestros niños y jóvenes, Prescott es una escuela excepcional."

"Please do not close this institution; there are many reasons to keep it open. Those reasons are our children and young people; Prescott is an exceptional school."

– MARIA

"Save our school!"

– JENNIFER

"Keeping the school open is a privilege, and I'm grateful that my daughter attends Prescott School. Since it is a small school, I really appreciate the attention and dedication you give to our students."

– CYNTHIA

"Please keep our doors open."

– KAREN

"I am a Prescott graduate and my children went to Prescott. I would hate for this school to close. There is a huge need for the children around the community and they benefit from a small school like this. Please consider keeping it open for the children of the future."

– TERESA

Blanca, Pasco, WA

Angelica Hernandez, Pasco, WA

Jena Rowlette, Pasco, WA

Jahzell Zavala, Pasco, WA

Karina Quiroz, Pasco, WA

Elvia Alvarado, Pasco, WA

Anah Lopez, Pasco, WA

Rafael Quiroz, Pasco, WA

Yadira, Pasco, WA

Yanirak Romero, Pomeroy, WA

Alison Kimball, Pullman, WA

Linda, Richland, WA

Sarah Buchkoski, Richland, WA

April Eslami, Seattle, WA

Linda Slater, Seattle, WA

Angelica Hedges, Waitsburg, WA

Dan Nechodom, Waitsburg, WA

Jennifer Hammer, Walla Walla, WA

Tyana Herbrandson, Walla Walla, WA

Kael Fletcher, Walla Walla, WA

Becky Gifford, Walla Walla, WA

Melissa Rodriguez, Walla Walla, WA

Pat Morales, Walla Walla, WA

Carmen Bernal, Walla Walla, WA

Ana Herrera, Walla Walla, WA

Katrina Bowden, Yakima, WA

**"Great school,
great teachers.
This school is a
wonderful place
for students to
learn and thrive
and accomplish
their goals. In this
school I made
great memories
that last a
lifetime."**

– ISELA

VOICES FROM PRESCOTT

"Salvar una escuela con historia de más de un siglo."

"Saving a school with over a century of history."

– LUCIA

"Firmo esta petición con el corazón y creyendo en la comunidad unida + gobernantes uniendo fuerzas podremos mantener nuestra escuela abierta. Tres de mi hijos asistieron a esta escuela y el mas pequeno no quiere ir a otro distrito escolar el quiere graduarse de la misma escuela que sus hermanos. Por favor ayudenos - no nos dejen solos.."

"I have signed this petition with all my heart, believing that with a united community and government officials joining forces, we will



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be able to keep our school open. Three of my children attended this school, and my youngest does not want to go to another school district; he wants to graduate from the same school as his siblings. Please help us—do not abandon us."

– SOCORRO

"Para mi familia es muy importante la educación de los niños por esta razón anhelamos y pedimos a Dios de que siga la escuela abierta y si en nuestras manos está en ayudar y participar en todo lo que se requiera ya que son muchos niños los que están angustiados y preocupados por tantos comentarios sobre este tema también pienso que es muy traumante tanto emocional como mental y el que siga tantos cambios en tan poco tiempo gracias por escuchar todas nuestras súplicas y anhelos porque es eso oraciones en muchos padres de familia sobre este tema."

"For my family, children's education is very important. For this reason, we hope and pray to God that the school will remain open, and if it is in our hands to collaborate and assist in any way necessary, we will do so, as there are many children who are distressed and concerned about the numerous comments on this topic.

I also believe that it is very traumatic, both emotionally and mentally, to experience so many changes in such a short period of time. Thank you for listening to all our requests and concerns, as this is what many parents are praying for on this important matter. and hopes, because these are the prayers of many parents on this issue."

– LAGARDA



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"This school means so much to so many families including mine. It would be a tragedy and a travesty against the children in our rural area to close this school."

– TYANA

"This says exactly what Prescott School is, it is the hub of the community. Now that the previous admin is gone we can get back to the financially sound school it was just a few years ago."

– SARA

"Por favor pedimos nos ayuden a mantener nuestra escuela abierta es un lugar muy seguro para nuestros hijos , es una escuela donde ya se an graduado nuestros hijos mayores y pedimos por favor nos ayuden para que se gradúen también las nuevas generaciones, de antemano muchas gracias."

"We kindly request your support in keeping our school open. It is a safe environment for our children and a school where our older children have already graduated. We ask for your support so that the younger generations may also graduate. Thank you in advance."

– FIDELIA

"Please consider keeping the Prescott school open. Children in that rural area already struggle to access the opportunities than students in more populated areas. It's just not

viable or fair for them to have to bus for hours to access public education."

– MELISSA

"Access to quality education equips the next generation with the tools they need to navigate future challenges and prosperity in communities and the nation."

– EDGAR

"I am a resident of Prescott and although I do not have children attending this school, I always support them. I encourage everyone to allow these children to have the same opportunities for success in their lives. They deserve this."

– PAULINE

"Keep Prescott School thriving! We are worth the fight."

– LAURA

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