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Dear Oregon Private Schools,

Governor Brown has proclaimed February 4 as Oregon Private Schools Appreciation Day. I'm privileged to join her in honoring you for serving Oregon's students.

Oregon has approximately 550 private schools offering around 50,000 students an array of high-quality, specialized learning opportunities. These schools represent and serve the diverse communities that make up our state.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has brought about a new level of coordination and communication between the Oregon Department of Education and the private schools of our state. My hope is that some of our learnings from this year and the deep cooperation can continue in new and creative ways in the future. While the Department does not oversee the activities of private schools in a typical year, we do have much to learn from one another and we should strive to maintain the lines of communication that have opened.

I am deeply grateful for our partnership and excited about the progress we're making for Oregon's students. Together, private and public schools equip the future leaders, entrepreneurs and engaged citizens of Oregon.

Thank you!

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