



United Way
of Greater Portland

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Dear Portland Public School Principals:

I am sorry to announce that the United Way Summer Champs program will end at the close of this 2010 summer camp season. As you may know, the Libra Foundation committed to funding its three Community Campership programs for 10 years, and indeed passed that mark. The Foundation strongly believes the time has come to rethink its philanthropic focus. It has committed to seeing the program through its 2010 season and plans to use the next year to research other areas of need for investment.

Owen Wells, President of The Libra Foundation, has asked me to share with you his personal and the Foundation's immense pride and satisfaction in founding and funding this program. Since its inception, Libra has granted over \$28.5 million, which afforded more than 33,500 camp experiences for kids in Portland, Lewiston and Bangor, allowing them to build important new skills, gain self-confidence, develop new friendships and experience summer in Maine in a whole new way.

I know you will join me in recognizing and thanking Libra for its great vision and generosity in funding Summer Champs over the years, and for connecting thousands of Maine kids with nature, the arts, music, sports and countless other experiences that help them grow into happy, motivated adults. Our schools, the children and our community are stronger, richer, healthier and happier because of Libra.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 207. 874.1000 with any concerns or for further information.

Kind regards,

John Shoos
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