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Subject: FW:

Hi Rick

I just got off the telephone with a teacher who is currently teaching half time JK/SK at a school that will be getting the ELK program in September 2010.

She would like to stay in the school she is presently teaching in. Her Principal has informed her that if she wants to stay and teach another grade, she needs to find a teaching partner and apply for the position.

Both the teacher and I are confused about how she should go about this. Maybe you can help with some ideas.

I am concerned that she is being forced out of teaching JK/SK and because she wants to stay in her school she has to find a partner. It was not her choice to be moved out of JK/SK, nor is it her choice to change schools. The Board has made a number of decisions, and this teacher is being forced to adjust. Nothing is being done to reduce the impact both professionally and personally on her.

I spoke with you a while back about "doing something" for these people. Still, nothing is being done. This is a special circumstance and nothing special is being offered to help.

Why can't she stay in her school and have a half position posted? She said she would be open to working with whomever the Board would assign to teach the other half of the class.

This situation has been created by the Board and it is my hope that the Board will consider helping alleviate the impact on the teachers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Etmanski