



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO: Tribal Members:

I would like to thank the members that voted and got me in as a Council Member. It was quite a surprise to me on the number of votes I received, and I thank each person for those votes. I will do my best for the Tribe and will listen to the members. The last two General Council meetings, prayer was talked about for our Council and I would ask the people to remember me and the other Council in their prayers that the decisions we make will be in the best interest of the Tribe.

I work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and had to request a waiver from the Bureau to run for Council. I have had quite a few people ask about the waiver and want to let tribal members know that I did receive a waiver from the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs dated February 1, 1990.

Eleanor (Lillie) Butler

Dear Friends:

I want to invite you to two Northern California Pow-Wows. Paiute Pow-Wow will be Mothers Day weekend in Susanville, California at the Junior College. High Eagle Warrior Pow-Wow will be held the first weekend in August at the Westwood Campgrounds. Both are competition Pow-Wows. All drums and dancers are most welcome.

For more information please contact: Bob Henry, High Eagle Warrior Society Pow-Wow at (916) 256-2255 or Marvin Sam, Paiute Pow-Wow at (916) 257-2048.

Sincerely,
Tears Johnston,
Pow-Wow Committee
Member

Letter to the Editor:

Once again we are faced with the prospect of stopping the closure of the Siletz School. Fortunately, we had enough notice this time to be able to band together with the community to begin work on stopping this latest attack on the Silez School.

We received word that the Lincoln County School District's Facilities Improvement Committee (FIC) was proposing several changes, and some closures, of schools within our County. What we found out at the Siletz Local School Committee Meeting on February 20th that the proposal WAS NOT drafted by the FIC, but by school district personnel, including Fred Wright, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, and Mike Kinney, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, amongst others. The FIC had no input into the draft proposal for school closures. THIS FEELS LIKE RAILROADING TO ME. AND IT MUST BE STOPPED.

One of the proposals is to close the Siletz Middle School, and to convert some of the actual classroom space and other buildings, (music room, locker rooms) into storage for the school district. In conjunction, it was proposed that additional classrooms be built at Toledo Middle School as well as construction of a regulation sized football, softball and baseball field complex. Where does this leave Siletz? Is our elementary school next?

As brought out during the meeting, Siletz School enrollment today is at the capacity projected for 1995. With building of the homes in the Silatchee Park Subdivision, and the additional homes forthcoming, it is obvious that school enrollment will far exceed projected amounts. And with the decline in enrollment of other schools, WHY IS SILETZ BEING TARGETED FOR CLOSURE? Why not add additional classrooms to meet the growing needs here?

The Siletz Tribal Council has passed Resolution #90-69, which opposes closure of the Siletz Middle

School and conversion of the buildings and classroom spaces for storage. They, also, support return of the Siletz High School and requested a plan from the FIC and School District on return of the High School.

Now is the time for action. Please take the time to send your written concerns to the following people. **MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN SO THAT WE DO NOT FACE CLOSURE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Dr. Proppe, Superintendent
Lincoln County School District
P.O. Box 1110
Newport, Or 97365

John Miller, Chairman
Local School Committee
P.O. Box 247
Siletz, Or 97380

Mike Darcy, Principal
Siletz School
P.O. Box 247
Siletz, Or 97380

Facilities Improvement
Committee
C/O LCSchool District
Newport, Or 97365

Sincerely,

Tina Retasket

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Siletz, Oregon 97380

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PLEASE NOTE: The General Manager of the Siletz Tribe is the Chief Editor of the Siletz Newsletter.



A blanket of snow covered the Siletz Area Central Office and most of Western Oregon

SUPPORT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As a member of the Education Committee I would heartily recommend that our Tribal members support the upcoming Community College levy on May 27. Any opportunity that may benefit our members should be supported. The classes in our community enable members with families to continue to grow without having to travel out of Lincoln County.

Mike Darcy