

Dear Dr. Nash,

As President of the Ukiah High School Faculty Council I'd like to tell you how grateful the staff is at the high school for the excellent leadership provided by our Principal Dennis Willeford. As you are aware, between Phil Gary's excellent tenure and our current leadership under Dennis Willeford, the high school experienced an administrative lapse from which we are just beginning to recover. In consequence, we have a request: We need Principal Willeford to be on site as much as possible.

The UHS staff is well aware that Principal Willeford gets "pulled away" quite often. With our large student body and extensive curricular and extra-curricular needs, Principal Willeford's presence on campus is an essential component in the smooth running of our school. As you know, a principal who is present to provide an immediate response to a crisis or issue at the site level keeps that issue or crisis from becoming a larger problem to the district. Additionally, being in a position to provide responsive leadership is a morale booster for the staff, the students, and the parents.

As superintendent, we know how keenly aware you are of our need to maintain a positive school environment, raise standards, and improve test scores. Principal Willeford's presence on site will help us achieve these goals. We would appreciate anything that you can do to keep him from being pulled away on duties, conferences, and meetings that are not absolutely essential.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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