



August 21, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Program of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PDHH) students attending PDHH resource classrooms in Jackson County,

I am writing to update you about SOESD's PDHH resource classrooms. You may recall my letter dated May 17, 2019 in regards to Medford School District's plans to have their students currently attending the SOESD PDHH classrooms hosted in Central Point School District (CPSD) instead be served by the SOESD PDHH program in resource classrooms located in Medford schools during the 2020-21 school year.

Medford School District (MSD) has now informed SOESD that MSD no longer intends to move forward with these plans, but has determined that students should remain in the SOESD PDHH program located in CPSD.

This means that the current SOESD PDHH classrooms hosted by CPSD will continue to serve MSD students as well as other students in the Rogue Valley whose IEP teams determine this model of service best meets the students' needs.

MSD parents have received a letter directly from MSD Special Education Director Tania Tong on this matter, indicating the decision was based on several factors, with the most important one being that MSD wants students to remain with a community in which they are experiencing success and belonging.

SOESD looks forward to continuing to serve students who are deaf or hard of hearing in our PDHH resource classrooms.

Please contact me with any questions you may have at 541-776-8555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Peck".

Susan Peck  
Director, Special Education Services