

February 27, 2019

Dear Dr. Traynor and School Board Members,

We would like to thank you for approving our job share for the 2018-2019 school year, and we are asking for a continuation of our shared contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

With our job share, we have been able to provide a dedicated team to our students this year. We continually collaborate with one another, as well as with many staff members, regarding our students' best interests and our approach to teaching students with diverse needs. We communicated as a team with our students' families via emails, group texts, weekly homework letters and a shared home/school notebook. In addition, when it has been necessary or expedient to do so, we have individually communicated with parents via phone or in person, and have always documented and shared those conversations and communications so that both of us are kept in the loop. We have seen some excellent behavioral and academic progress as a result of this consistent parent communication.

We both attended the first day of school to ensure that our students would understand that we are truly a team and we feel that our students understand and appreciate this unique experience. We have also both attended staff development days, parent/teacher conferences, and individual student meetings.

Our job share has taught us both so much about the incredible professional growth/learning possible with collaboration and support. We feel strongly that this has translated into a successful learning environment for our students. It has allowed us to maximize our time and commitment to our families, students, and to our profession. We are proud to be in a teaching partnership and we look forward to another year of job-sharing at Diamond Valley School.

Sincerely,

Sarah Harvey and Sarah Voss

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Harvey Sarah Voss". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with the two names joined together.