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Principal Chief

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Deputy Chief

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Garland Lane, Superintendent
Kenwood School
Route 1, Box 179
Salina, OK 74365

Dear Mr. Lane:

I have several items to discuss to bring to your attention, as follows:

1. Through Charlie's efforts we have raised an additional \$5,000 to help with expenses related to the Kenwood Choir's trip to Narita, Japan in August.

I continue to be concerned that there is no binding contract between the school and EXPO 93 Japan and neither Charlie nor I are entirely comfortable assisting with fund-raising in the absence of a more substantive agreement. In my lifetime I have seen too many of these deals fall apart even when the most well intentioned people are involved.

2. I have heard rumors that Janice Ballew is job hunting. Though we would be delighted to hire her, in my view it would be a tragedy if a well educated full-blood Cherokee could not work for a school in her own community. Many others come to teach in Kenwood then at the end of the day travel to distant communities to go home. To Janice, home is the Kenwood Community. I am sure she has her critics. Anyone who does anything worthwhile has critics but I bet her critics are not willing to work nights, weekends, and give up time with their own family to do the kind of work she does. All of us who heard of her job inquiries were very disturbed that she may be leaving.

If you have further information about the trip to Japan, I would like to have a copy of it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief