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Dear Senator Rave,

As you may know, the Parkston School District extends from Hutchinson County, into Douglas County, Davison County and Hanson County. With that, we have a number of legislators with whom we would like to become familiar. Thus, the Parkston School District school board would like to invite you to our regular November school board meeting which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Parkston School.

As you know, schools across the state have faced many challenges over the course of the last year. Parkston is no exception. The reduction in state aid along with declining enrollment, low interest rates, decreased bank franchise taxes and lower gross receipt taxes have placed great strain on the district. Likewise, the attorney general opinion that was released mid September has created an additional burden. If you are unfamiliar with this opinion, the AG states that school districts are not able to charge for preschool or drivers education. Our district had charged for both of these activities prior to the AG opinion. In this opinion, the AG office has stated that in order to allow schools to charge for these activities, the legislature would need to make changes.

The Parkston School Board and I would like to visit with you regarding the upcoming session and what you foresee happening. We would also like to explore with our legislators if there is any interest in sponsoring legislation that would make the necessary changes to statute that would allow schools to charge for the aforementioned activities.

While we realize that it is unlikely that all of you will attend, we would appreciate your thoughts on the matter should you not be able to make it. Thank you for your time and if you could let us know sometime before the 15th as to the status of your availability, we would greatly appreciate it.

On behalf of the Board;

Shayne McIntosh
Superintendent