

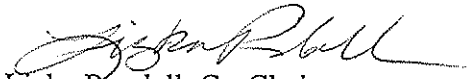
April 14, 2010

DPS School Board:


We, the Valdez Collaborative School Committee, are writing to express our support for Valdez' application for Innovation Status.

The Collaborative School Committee has among its goals: greater teacher accountability, increased control over who teaches in our building, increased academic achievement, and increased enrollment. We find these goals to be furthered by the Innovation plan. We support the increased school autonomy outlined in the plan, as a means of increasing achievement and accountability. We urge you to approve Valdez' application for Innovation Status.

Sincerely,



Lizka-Randall, Co-Chair



Peter Sherman, Principal