



Dear Colleagues,

Over the past several years, staff members from Raymond and Windham have partnered with the United Way of Greater Portland in its annual fund drive. Our participation is not out of obligation, it is our way of giving back to an organization that helps to support the work that we do with our students.

The good work of the United Way has a direct impact on the social, emotional, and physical health of our community. Over the past year, our students, staff, and parents have accessed the many programs and services offered through United Way supported agencies such as Let's Go, Peoples Regional Opportunity Program, The Center for Grieving Children, and Youth Alternatives. Many of these partner agencies could not provide their current level of service without the help of the funding that they receive from the United Way.

A United Way pledge form will be in your mailbox next week. This is your payroll deduction form.

The United Way is conducting several raffles this year. Please remember that you are not obligated in any way to participate in this fundraising drive.

For the first time ever, the John T. Gorman Foundation is offering the \$250,000 challenge.

- Those pledging \$3.00 per week will be eligible to be entered into a **\$1,000 L.L. Bean drawing**.
- Those pledging \$6.00 per week will be eligible to be in a drawing for the **Pape Chevrolet car or \$10,000**.

If you choose one of these options, please see your building Principal (or your immediate supervisor) so that you can receive a raffle ticket. All new employee or existing donation increases to the United Way of Greater Portland Campaign will be matched 100% by the John T. Gorman Foundation.

If you choose to participate in making a donation this year (any amount is appreciated), please fill out your payroll form and forward it to your building Principal. To be eligible for the raffles this year, new donor pledge forms will need to be submitted to your building Principal (or Supervisor) who will then forward to Central Office by **Tuesday, October 27th**.

If you have any questions about the fundraising drive, please feel free to contact me at central office. Additional information about the United Way of Greater Portland and supported agencies can be found at [www.unitedwaygp.org](http://www.unitedwaygp.org).

Thank you for your continued support of our students.

**Sanford J. Prince IV**  
Superintendent