



Cuyahoga Falls City Schools
FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

Certificate of Commendation

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO
GRANDVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT TO THE
RICHARDSON STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY.

YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT,
AS WELL AS YOUR ENCOURAGING PRESENCE IN OUR
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, ALLOWS OUR STUDENTS TO
GROW ACADEMICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.

GRANDVIEW UNITED METHODIST, THROUGH LOVE AND
COMMITMENT, IS A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE
RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

Dr. Todd M. Nichols,
Superintendent/CEO

5/6/2020

Date

Ms. Karen Schofield,
President - Board of Education

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Date



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Grandview United Methodist Church

Grandview United Methodist Church is located on the corner of 23rd Street and Phelps Avenue, just down the street from Richardson Elementary. The church has been in its current location for 70 years. Grandview United is a multi-ethnic congregation featuring English and Nepali-speaking Bhutanese congregants. Led by Pastor David Hull-Frye, their mission is for all to experience the Blessings of Grandview: Grace-Growth-Gratitude.

Richardson Elementary School and the Cuyahoga Falls City School district are beyond grateful for the continual outpouring of love and support given to us by the Grandview congregation. It is evident that the church recognizes the importance of community engagement and collaboration. They understand that our children are our future!

During the 2019-2020 school year, Richardson Elementary's population of EL learners nearly tripled. Pastor Hull-Frye worked with his parishioners to create a tutoring program for our English language learners. During any given week, you will find upwards of 10 volunteers supporting our students. These individuals work tirelessly to support the Richardson community with the growth of our learners. The church has also been instrumental in translating educational and informational materials for our Nepali and Spanish speaking families.

Grandview UMC has provided the Richardson community with on-going financial support. They have paid off school lunch balances, provided resources for our "Helping-Hands" program, bought school supplies for students, donated gift baskets to our annual silent auction, and assisted financially to ensure that 100% of Richardson families and staff members received a "We Are Family" yard sign during the recent COVID-19 virtual learning time.

Like all good friends, Grandview UMC continues to always be there for us. This was most evident during a recent water main break. On this day, the Richardson community genuinely appreciated their hospitality.

We continue to be humbled by the commitment to the school and Cuyahoga Falls Community. Without a doubt, Grandview United Methodist Church is a "Friend of Education".