

Dear Superintendent Nyland,

We are writing to voice our concern that Seattle Public Schools is considering closing Middle College at Highpoint. We value this unique educational resource for students who, for one reason or another, are not appropriately served by other Seattle Schools programs. We have witnessed the positive impact this program has had on students who were academically capable but headed down roads where school was perceived as not for them—cutting off opportunities and limiting their future drastically. We are facing a critical point for public education and its future. We believe public education is best served with a variety of options for reaching one's potential and finding success and satisfaction through learning. Middle School is a small gem, easy to overlook unless you take a closer view at the lives it has affected, the doors it has opened for marginalized students. We encourage you to keep the Middle College doors open—for those students who need a more individualized approach to learning and growing.

Thanks for your commitment to excellence and Seattle schools,

Lyn and David Kratz (Parents of Rainier Beach, Garfield and Franklin graduates)