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Dear Volunteer:

Looking back over the last few years I have been privileged to see how the community has stepped up to help our students every day in ways both big and small. The time and effort that you and your peers donate to our children sends the message that Melrose cares and that you are the voice of the city made real.

In my conversations with many of you, I have heard it expressed that what you do is "... no big deal" or that "... it isn't very much." I am here to tell you that your "not much" makes a difference in the life of a student every day. An anonymous author once said "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is just that little extra..." You are the extra that makes an extraordinary difference in the life of a child. That is the role that The Bridge: A School/Community Partnership and you, as volunteers, play in our schools.

I know that by working together we can create an educational setting that will enable all of our children to succeed. The ongoing support and commitment of volunteers helps to foster an atmosphere of respect, learning and achievement across the district and into the homes of our students. Therefore, allow me to welcome you and thank you in advance for that "little extra" you bring to our schools.

Best wishes for the 2011-2012 school year.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Casey  
Superintendent of Schools