

Recipient: District 690 Board of Education

Letter: Greetings,

Re-Negotiate Superintendent Craig Oftedahls Contract

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Christine Laznicka	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	It is the right thing to do. And because and a taxpayer the answers given by our current school boards decision on this is not enough to warrant their actions!!
JoLynn Iceman	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	His dismissal from the board without warrant, and the display of the remaining board members is blatant disregard of what is best for the students, and community this group is supposed to represent.
Maureen Greiner	Minneapolis, MN	2014-11-26	The current school board members in Warroad are a bunch of donkeys who wrongfully think they should be the people making this decision and really sticking it to this 'old boys club' they've produced in their minds. When in actuality they are a bunch of total douchebags nobody anywhere outside of their 'old douche club' has an ounce of respect for, and who should probably stick to what they know best...shitting out another generation of moronic dbags for them to tell how special they are to follow their footsteps. Mr. Oftedahl has done nothing but try to better the district, balance the budget and make informed decisions that benefit not himself or the fake 'old boys club' but the Warroad school district.
Edward Furuseth	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	I have found no justification for not renewing Mr Oftedahls contract.Craig is an outstanding person doing a very difficult job well.
Judy Peterson	Roosevelt, MN	2014-11-26	Because he runs the school well and the students like him. I don't think the parents agree with their decision because of the way they are handling the whole thing.
Barbara Marshall	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	in favor of Supt Oftedahl
Trac Ellis	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	Would be a big mistake if they don't continue his contract.
Lynn Hoy	Warroad, MN	2014-11-26	They dont have a real reason why they let him go
David Pederson	Roosevelt, MN	2014-11-26	I feel the Board of Education set up the Superintendent to fail, and then used that failure to justify non renewal
TONIE SCHEEF	WARROAD, MN	2014-11-26	i do believe in Craig. All my kids went to school here and I think he does an outstanding job
Danica Scheef	Moorhead, MN	2014-11-26	Mr. Oftedahl does so many things for the school and our community. He and his wife make our school a better place to work and attend school. He supports all activities from sports to arts. He knows the students by name and makes students feel comfortable coming to him with issues. He does his job well and deserves to keep it.
Abby Erickson	Copenhagen, Denmark	2014-11-27	Mr. Oftedahl and his family are valuable members of the Warroad Community. As a Warroad native and WHS Alum, the community we have is something I was always taught to respect and take pride in, and I know many others can say the same! As a member of that community, Mr. Oftedahl has served diligently in the Warroad school district and seen it through many changes, such as the introduction of the four-day school week, and is in a far better place to understand the needs of the students, teachers, faculty, and community members than any who could be found to "replace" him.
Erika Knott	Roscoe, SD	2014-11-27	I had Mr. O as a teacher and loved him and beleive he's done Warroad school district good.
Heather Hangsleben	East Grand Forks, MN	2014-11-27	Oftedahl has character and integrity that is essential for his position.

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Dennis Fermoye	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	Craig has done a great job serving our school district as a teacher, then as an athletic director, and then as a superintendent during incredibly difficult times and with an unreasonable, irrational and downright mean majority on the school board. I don't know how he has done it, and there is no doubt in my mind that he is the best possible person to lead our district now and for the foreseeable future.
Logan bender	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	he is very good to the students!
Carmie Storey	Faribault, MN	2014-11-27	In favor of Craig!!
Danae Scheef	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	i went to Warroad High School and I admired Mr. Oftedahl. He was always supportive of every sport and he did his job well. His foot was always open when I needed to speak with him. He is easy to get along with and he is repected by most of the student population. I think the board has done a horrible thing and they have not even given any reason for it.
David Forney	Everett, WA	2014-11-27	I'm signing because I can NOT stomach sitting around watching this from half way across the country. Mr. Oftedahl is far more than just a coach and teacher more than a good dad and husband, more than a good man and mentor. He has poured his heart and life into Warroad school district. To think anyone is going to find anyone that cares more about the kids of Warroad, is far more removed than I. I have told Coach O this and I don't mind who knows it, between being a student in his class, a student of the game in the basketball program, deaths, and being his teachers aid I have spent far more time with him than my own dad. When I left Warroad and was told I could never get a job in this economy or make it in school, I did both. I have cut my hair, shown up with a positive attitude, given an honest effort, regardless of circumstances I have shown up...quitting was never an option, and today I can put my head on the pillow and sleep like a baby knowing I have to get up and do it all again tomorrow. That is the Coach Oftedahl in me today! Do the right thing here people!
Emily Gryskiewicz	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	I believe they should give a reason, or renegotiate.
stacey erikson	Roosevelt, MN	2014-11-27	mr.oftedahl takes pride in his work and students, i believe it is a disservice to all involved if he leaves our school system
Lindsey Burroughs	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	I'm signing because I felt like he has done a good job and is capable of change. He is very nice to work with.
Nic Thompson	Argyle, MN	2014-11-27	He has done a great job. Why get rid of him?
Terence Sadler	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	Besides the leadership, character and professionalism Mr. Oftedahl exhibits daily, he has education and students at the forefront of every decision. The general fund was \$300k when he became Superintendent, it was raised to as much as \$1.1 mill, and was last reported at about \$850k. Our district has never been in statutory operating debt. We continue to offer every academic and extra curricular program and more today since beginning the budget reduction process 14 years ago. Mr. Oftedahl and the rest of the administrative team have continually made difficult decisions to work within the budget while maintaining the integrity of our programs. Mr. Oftedahl has overwhelming support of from every department in our district. That says a lot about the professionalism and character of the person, especially since he and his team continually as all staff to do more, for less to give the students the best education possible.

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Paul Kirby	Pine City, MN	2014-11-27	As a WHS alum and an elementary teacher for 14 years, I have admired from afar the way the Warroad School. District has navigated a difficult time in education. No doubt, Superintendent Oftedahl should be credited for his leadership and loyalty to the students during these trying times. In my dealings with Mr. Oftedahl he has always been professional, supportive, hard working and honest- all traits that I look for in a leader.
Claudia McFarlane	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	If the State Board of Education can't find a fault in Mr Oftedahl's work, how can our board?
John Horner	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	the current board ignores procedure and appears to be motivated by nothing more than ego
jeremy pearson	Sabin, MN	2014-11-27	Mr. Oftedahl was a great teacher, coach, and person...
Jackie Fanson	Michigan City, IN	2014-11-27	I know Craig is a caring and supportive administrator. I worked with him many years ago, however I still remember his dedication to Warroad.
Cary Eades	Sioux Falls, SD	2014-11-27	I care about the future of Warroad and it's school system. Lived in Warroad 11 years, and worked for ISD 690 for 10. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Mr. Oftedahl's leadership, character, and work ethic. He is a great man.
Andy Stoskopf	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	Craig is a good shit
MARLYS Knutson	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	I totally support Mr. after all. In my years teaching at Warroad high school he was the finest superintendent. I liked him, I respected him, he was always fair, and especially he was always consistent
Hannah Maunu	Warroad, MN	2014-11-27	Mr. Oftdahl is a great man and has a huge heart for the Warroad school and our community. I'm believe he greatly deserves to be our superintendent.
Charles Coombe	International Falls, MN	2014-11-27	Craig is a gentlemen with the top priorities being Family, School and Town! You should be considered lucky to have such a guy!
Stacie Clark	Waubun, MN	2014-11-27	Mr. Oftedahl is very good at his job - and it isn't an easy one. Answering to staff, students, taxpayers and board members and trying to make decisions in the best interests of all those parties. My husband worked there for 3 years and while I didn't agree with a few of his decisions on a personal level he was always fair, honest and willing to listen. Watch out what you wish for school board - you are highly unlikely to get someone better than him. I too, would like someone to explain the reasoning behind the boards decision.
Brandon Sutherland	Moorhead, MN	2014-11-27	Mr. Oftedahl was a great teacher and a great coach. He's always had the best interests of the students in mind and has obviously done a phenomenal job with the budget.
Jeremy Culleton	Vassar, Canada	2014-11-28	Mr. Oftedahl has guided our school through tough economic times. Mr. Oftedahl works tirelessly to help deliver the very best to the students of our community. He also helps to inspire our staff. In the last 5 years, Mr. Oftedahl has stood along side me as we developed and built one of the top Technology Education Departments in the state. This program continues to grow today. He has stood by me and our department as we have found outside money to bring in new technology, tooling and unique programs to our students. He has had a huge hand in developing our relationship with Marvin Windows giving our students real world experiences. I strongly feel that without Mr. Oftedahl's vision and belief in myself and other staff members we would not have some of the very best programming available to high school age students.
anthony johnson	Warroad, MN	2014-11-28	Craig is a loyal Warrior n a Great role model for the youth....
Lyla Knutson	warroad, MN	2014-11-28	He has been a very big part of the warroad school and loved by all of our children who grew up here!!

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Mitchell Roberts	Warroad, MN	2014-11-28	Craig does a great job in our school district he is a hard worker, and keeps good contact with the students, teachers, parents, and the community. He is easy to talk to, and very helpful. I don't understand why his contract was not renewed, and I want to see some good reasons for taking a perfectly good superintendent away from our school district.
Julie Salin	Warroad, MN	2014-11-28	I'm signing because I believe Mr. Oftedahl is an excellent superintendent, I believe he's done his job well with what he's had to work with. It is very wrong that the board hasn't given a reason for their actions.
Johnathan Bue	Warroad, MN	2014-11-28	I am signing this petition to have Craig Oftedahl re-instated. He does a very excellent job and needs to keep his job. I'm very angry at the fact that the board members could not give reasons to why they did not want him there. I think they need to re-think about the decision, look back at what he has done for the school and their students, and finally see how much he loves to do what he is doing. I hope you get your contract re-instated Craig Oftedahl.
Beth Marvin	Warroad, MN	2014-11-28	The state board
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dianne whaley	Roosevelt, MN	2014-11-29	I feel the decision was wrong not to renew Mr Oftdahl contract.
Ann Marie Giefer	Saint Paul, MN	2014-11-29	I'm signing because Craig Oftendahl's should be given his right to re-negotiate his contract with the school district.
Susie Wojciechowski	Warroad, MN	2014-11-29	I want to...need more info
Maureen Stodgell	Warroad, MN	2014-11-30	Your decision to not renegotiate Superintendent Craig Oftedahl's contract is without merit. I have attended almost every school board meeting for the past 20 years. I have never seen such unethical, unprofessional, and uneducated decisions as those being made by Justin Partee, Brian McFarlane, Kiersten Eklie, and Darby Zenter. From the very first meeting, it was evident that you were running your own agenda. You refuse to answer questions or get input from teachers, other school employees, students, or the taxpayers. You are supposed to be representing us all but for some reason you think you are smarter than all of us. None of you has a background in education and don't understand that a school cannot be run like other businesses. Your actions show that you do not care about the education of our students. I told you over a year ago that you were destroying our district. Not renegotiating with Mr. Oftedahl is wrong. It is not about his performance, it is about a personal vendetta by you 4. You have not given any valid reasons for firing Mr. Oftedahl. At the school, it feels like a family member has died. We need Mr. Oftedahl to keep our school on the right track. He has been the superintendent for 8 years and has always done what is best for our students and district during tough economic times. You will not find a better person to be the leader of our district. Please renegotiate Superintendent Craig Oftedahl's contract immediately, before we lose a great leader to another district. Also, the 4 of you should resign so we can have school board members who do not have their own personal agendas. We need members who support our administrators, staff, and students; not members who are doing their best to hurt the education of our students.

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Tracy Fast	Warroad, MN	2014-12-01	The reasons for not negotiating a continued contract with Superintendent Oftedahl are unclear to me and they have not been supported by examples or details beyond the performance appraisal. Thankfully, Mr. Oftedahl has demonstrated the foresight to work beyond the goals set forth in April 2014 and as used as basis for his performance appraisal. Mr. Oftedahl has supported ideas even when not popular to create new learning opportunities. At times, the School Board has chosen to go another direction. Yet, Mr. Oftedahl epitomizes the values of ISD #690....RESPECT, INTEGRITY, RESPONSIBILITY, COMPASSION, SERVICE. To me, this is Warrior Pride!
Anni Daedlow	Warroad, United States	2014-12-01	I believe Mr. Oftedahl is familiar with ur school district and has done a good job of managing things during economically "troubled" times and decreased enrollment. The non-renewal decision was a questionable and rash decision.
Jeanne brandenburg	Spring, TX	2014-12-01	Mr. Oftedahl is passionate about Warroad, MN and his job as the Superintendent.
Tim Roberts	Saint Cloud, MN	2014-12-01	Mr. Oftedahl is the best superintendent Warroad school district has ever had.
Tracey brodshaug	Warroad, MN	2014-12-01	Because he has does a good job
Darrell Shaugabay	Warroad, MN	2014-12-01	I think it is the right thing to do!
Yeng Thao	Warroad, MN	2014-12-01	He is one of the best of the best.
Sandra Nichols	Warroad, MN	2014-12-01	Mr. Oftedahl is a great superintendent, who is highly respected. He is very professional and takes his job very seriously. I have the most upper respect for him. His contract should be re-negotiated. We need him!
Justin Hammann	Baudette, MN	2014-12-02	I wanna help make a difference and keep Oftedahl
Jeremy Hammann	Esko, MN	2014-12-02	Because he is a good guy and brings great things.
Elaine buddington	Afton, MN	2014-12-02	i lived in the area a few years ago. I know Craig personally and what a great job he has done for the school and the community. He should remain as Principal!,
Scott Halvarson	Roseau, MN	2014-12-02	Why would someone from Roseau Zip code care one way or another? I have had my dealings with Mr. Oftedahl through the food pantry. When we got to rent from the school he was more then fair and was easy to deal with. You could tell he cared. He if nothing else deserves due process. The school board is in the wrong.
Jeannie Huerd	Warroad, MN	2014-12-02	Mr. Oftedale seems to really care about Warroad School,school board really needs to rethink.
Nick Jaycox	Warroad, MN	2014-12-03	I believe in Craig Oftedahl
Tyler Hodgson	Grand Forks, ND	2014-12-03	As a former WHS student and a friend of the Oftedahl family, I witnessed first hand all throughout high school how much passion he had and how much time and effort Mr. Oftedahl put into his job.
Pat OLoughlin	Warroad, MN	2014-12-03	It is Not right what happened!
Byron Cole	Warroad, MN	2014-12-03	I feel the board is wrong.
Miriam Heppner	Warroad, United States	2014-12-03	Mr. Oftedahl has done a great job of serving our school district. He listens, considers, and even welcomes others' opinions, and then makes decisions for the good of our school district. Sadly, we cannot say the same for some on the school board. They have forgotten that they were elected to serve others (our school district).
Bonnie Janicke	Warroad, MN	2014-12-03	I have 2 daughters in the Warroad school and not only are there teachers and parents who believe Mr. O should stay the students do as well. I feel it is important to hear all of these voices!

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Taylor Loken	Roseau, MN	2014-12-03	I like him as a person
Elizabeth Heppner	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	I am a student at Warroad high school and I think that firing Superintendent Oftedahl would be a BIG mistake.
Michelle Larson	Salol, MN	2014-12-04	I feel as though he has done a great job. A very pleasant and all around good man. He is liked by all that know him!
Elaine Bonnell	Loveland, CO	2014-12-04	Craig Oftedahl was one of the most caring and approachable leaders I have ever worked with. His peers and his students had only the kindest of words for him. Craig is a gifted leader.
LaVonne Fast	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	I believe that the 4 school board members are doing an injustice to Mr Oftedahl, and he deserves to stay on as Superintendent
Matthew Hammer	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	As a former student of Mr. Oftedahl I cannot fathom why the School Board of ISD 690 would refuse to go into renegotiation with such a skilled leader.
Karen and Conrad Hontvet	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	It is the right thing to do!!
Pamela Cole	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	I don't think anybody should lose their job without having concrete reasoning behind it. A new direction is a not substantial enough reason.
Steven LaDuke	Warroad, MN	2014-12-04	Craig has done a great job
sandi mcdonald	Minneapolis, MN	2014-12-04	Oftedahl rocks!
Brian fish	Roseau, MN	2014-12-06	give him another chance i know the board wants to rid the small town politics and the good ol boys club.which would benefit the school the school needs to concentrate on sending out well educated kids.the athletes will make it on their own if they are dedicated. Lets be proud of what becomes of the kids when they graduate from Warroad
Gabe Richards	Warroad, MN	2014-12-09	I support Mr. Oftedahl. He is a tireless supporter and promoter of Warroad Schools and the Warroad community. He is a good person and a tremendous leader. In a tight-knit community such as Warroad we should be going out of our way to keep and support quality individuals like Craig Oftedahl.
Shawntae Holter	Warroad, MN	2014-12-11	He is the best man for the job.
Kyle Thoreson	Eveleth, MN	2014-12-11	Craig is a great man who is serious about education and the well being of the kids in his care. I've known Craig for 20 years and he's never made a decision as a teacher, coach, AD and now Superintendent that he didn't feel was best for the kids. CHOOSING to lose him from your school and community is just plain wrong. If there are contentious issues, they should be discussed and settled professionally. If this decision by the Warroad school board stands, you will have done a severe disservice to your students.
Melissa Lautigar	Eveleth, MN	2014-12-11	I know Mr. Oftedahl, have worked with him, and appreciate his work ethic.
Gordon Christian	Warroad, MN	2014-12-12	I believe the school board made the wrong decision to not negotiate Craig Oftedahl's contract with no valid reasons to do so.
Jeff Wagner	Saint Paul, MN	2014-12-12	I know Craig to be an honest hardworking educator that always puts students first.