



King County

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Wenqiu Wang

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2600 SW Thistle St.

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Dear Ms. Wang:

Please accept my congratulations on your successful leadership of the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington and your efforts to share Chinese culture across Washington State.

You have worked hard to expand and strengthen Chinese language programs in Seattle Public Schools, in particular, the Chinese Immersion programs starting from Kindergarten, and now available through grade 8. You also organized a trip to China for Seattle Schools Superintendent Dr. Larry Nyland to meet with the Confucius Institute's partners in Chongqing.

Through your efforts, K-12 Chinese programs have been expanded to other districts, including the Issaquah School District, Bellingham School District, Tacoma School District, Bellevue School District, and Naselle School District, thus serving some 3,000 students with an interest in studying the Chinese language.

You organized the "Travel China in Half a Day" event at Sammamish's Skyline High School for more than 1,000 people as part of Confucius Institute Day celebrations on October 23, 2016. I was pleased to proclaim that same day as "Confucius Institute Day" in King County.

You have collaborated with non-profit organizations to provide professional development programs for teachers and promote opportunities for students to learn the Chinese language. And, you have worked tirelessly to organize and support many performances, cultural seminars and community festivals.

Thank you for your many contributions to Washington State and King County.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine

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