

Scott Walker

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**Ms. Gail Schacht
President
Cudahy School Board
2521 East Dale Avenue
Cudahy, Wisconsin 53110**

Dear Gail,

It has been brought to my attention by Josph Mikolajczak, 1st District Alderman for the City of Cudahy, that you will be discussing renaming Parkview Elementary School to Ronald W. Reagan Elementary School.

I would like to express my strong support for the renaming of the school. I believe that the renaming would be an honor to the late 40th President of the United States of America who passed away on June 5, 2004.

As you may know, President Ronald Wilson Reagan was from the Midwest, he was born in Tampico, Illinois on Feb. 6, 1911 to Nelle Wilson and John Edward Reagan. The Reagan's lived in a succession of rural northern Illinois towns until they settled in Dixon, Illinois, the place Ronald Reagan considered his hometown, which is only about 143 miles south of the City of Cudahy. Reagan would return to the Midwest many times during his life and in 1980 while just several days away from being elected President of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan visited the City of Cudahy, at Victory Hall.

When President Ronald Wilson Reagan was elected on November 4, 1980 he began an era of national renewal as the 40th President of the United States. He often said "that America will again be the exemplar of freedom and a beacon of hope for those who do not have freedom." It is believed that it was President Ronald Reagan that helped end the cold war.

The eight years of the Reagan presidency was one of the most dynamic periods, in recent U.S. history, resulting in a major refocusing of the nation's social, business, and international agenda. Few presidents have enjoyed the affection of so many of the American people. Reagan was known as the "Great Communicator," and often went on television to ask the public for their support for a particular piece of legislation. When Ronald Reagan became president, he had a clear vision of what the nation should be and spelled out the direction he hoped it would take during his administration. Reagan had a clear social, economic, and foreign policy agenda, and with political guile and personal persuasiveness he was able to achieve many of his

goals. Early in his presidency, Reagan remarked: "What I'd really like to do is go down in history as the President who made Americans believe in themselves again." I believe that Ronald Reagan did make us believe in ourselves again – and the renaming of your school would be a great honor to a great President, and it would be the first renaming of it's kind in Milwaukee County and I believe the State of Wisconsin.

You could make history today by supporting the renaming the Parkview Elementary School, the Ronald E. Reagan Elementary School.

Thank you for letting me share my views with you.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker

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