

17 February 2006

Organizing Committee
North Coast Education Summit
c/o Professor Eric Rofes
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Dear Eric and Committee:

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission would like to thank you for the excellent programs presented during the 2006 North Coast Education Summit from February 2 to 5, 2006. In particular, we note that more than 80 sessions at the summit were focused on social justice issues and how they relate to K-12 education, as well as in college and university settings. We greatly appreciate your welcoming and encouraging presenters addressing these important topics. We share with you a commitment to promoting programs that support extending dignity and respect, and that celebrate the many similarities and differences, among all members of society. We hope that such social justice presentations continue to be encouraged in future summits.

On a personal note, the Commission members greatly valued the enthusiastic response of the participants in our session addressing the topic of enhancing a language of respect in the classroom (“Sticks and Stones Can Break Bones”), which was held on Sunday morning.

We extend our warm thanks and appreciation, and our best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Byrd A. Lochtie, Chair