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Dear School Principals,

I wanted to give you a heads-up about an opportunity for a free, interactive, educational field trip coming up in February, and gauge whether your teachers have any interest. On **Friday, Feb. 10**, we'll be bringing a gigantic, inflatable human heart to Valley River Center as part of Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute's annual Heart Fair.

The 27-foot-wide "[AmeriHeart](#)" (see below) is a walk-through, inflatable replica of the human heart that educates visitors on common heart diseases and anatomical features. The exhibit includes 12 stations, some inside and some outside, each highlighting a different aspect of the heart or heart disease.

We'd like to offer school groups tours of the heart, combined with additional engaging presentations and activities led by our [Oregon Heart & Vascular Institute](#) experts, primarily focusing on the link between heart health and nutrition and exercise. We'd like to send you some materials in advance to get your students thinking, and send them home after the field trip with new knowledge and important information they can share with their families.

We're in the planning stages and haven't yet sorted out all the logistics, but we're thinking the field trip would last about 45 minutes. We'd schedule tours all day, beginning at 10 a.m. when the mall opens. That doesn't leave time for very many groups, so please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested and I'll try reserve a slot for you on the schedule, with more details to come!

Thanks for considering this; we think it's going to be a lot of fun!

Best,
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