As students throughout the Portland region returned to schools today, Congressman Earl Blumenauer joined a festive First Day of School event at Jason Lee Elementary School in NE Portland. Also on hand were Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith and Portland Public School Board Member Dilafruz Williams. The visiting dignitaries congratulated Sascha Perrins and Jason Lee's stellar Kindergarten teachers on their school's remarkable achievement: 100% of last year kindergarten students entering 1st Grade today have met the "Ready to Learn" criteria that are essential for academic achievement as they grow.

Congressman Blumenauer with Carole Smith, Portland Public Schools Superintendent and Dilafruz Williams, Portland Public School Board Member