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Growth Management Policy Board of Puget Sound Regional Council
1011 Western Ave, No. 500
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Board Members:

Please accept the following comments from the Everett Public Schools regarding the Vision 2050 update:

Everett Public Schools
- 39 square miles, 15 miles north-south by about 2-1/2 miles east-west
- 20,079 students as of October 1, 2018
- 17 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 3 comprehensive high schools, 1 alternative high school
- One of the fastest growing school districts in Snohomish County for many years
- 141 portable classrooms in use currently
- Elementary school no. 18 (Tambark Creek ES) opening this fall

10-Year Projections
- 1,850 more students
- 3+ new elementary schools, 1 new middle school and 1 new high school

School Properties
- We already own sites for 1 future high school and 1 middle school
- We have funding and are negotiating purchase of future elementary 19 site
- We have identified potential site(s) for future elementary 20
- We have been actively acquiring sites well ahead of time for many years
- All of the sites suitable for schools inside the UGA in our district have been bought up and developed, mostly by residential developments.
- The only sites left that are large enough for schools and anywhere near affordable in our district are located outside the UGA in our southeast region.
- The reality of using condemnation to acquire property of this size inside the UGA in our district would be terrifically expensive, both financially and politically. It is just not a viable way to meet our need for school sites.

As you consider updates to be included in the Vision 2050 document, please preserve the ability of Snohomish County to issue land use permits for schools to be located outside the UGA.

Sincerely,

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Everett School District No. 2
Boundary Map - Legend

- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Administration/Support Services

Note: High school boundaries do not apply to Sequoia HS

Future Elementary School No. 19 Site
UGA Boundary
180th St. SE Property

Everett Public Schools
School Boundary Map
(Effective Fall 2008)