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## **MEMO:**

**TO:** Whatcom County Council

**DATE:** March 4, 2019

**FROM:** Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive

**RE:** Release of Covenant –Playground Tract, Bennett Hill Supplemental

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### **Requested Action:**

Council consideration and approval of the Resolution for the Release of Covenant on the property known as the Playground Tract, Bennett Hill Supplemental.

### **Background and Purpose:**

On December 19, 2018 I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Bellingham School District and others to discuss their proposal to release a 1955 covenant that restricts the use of a small portion of the Alderwood Elementary School property to a "playground" for public use.

The School District is requesting the release of this covenant to allow them to construct a new elementary school. A new modern playground will also be constructed for school district use during the school day and public use during non-school hours. This is consistent with the shared vision of the County and the District and is mutually beneficial.

For additional details on the School District's proposed release of covenant I have attached a letter outlining the request from Phillip Sharpe, representing the District. The School District will be present to discuss this proposal in a committee meeting or at the public hearing, as appropriate.

If you should have any questions regarding this resolution please contact me at X5207.