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Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 4:23 PM
To: Satpal Sidhu <SSidhu@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Subject: Ferndale School District Resolution in Support of the Long Term Economic and Industrial Viability of Cherry Point

Dear Executive Sidhu and Members of the Whatcom County Council (bcc'd here),

On behalf of the Ferndale School District Board of Directors and our school community, please accept the attached Resolution No. 11–2026, formally expressing our support for the long term economic and industrial viability of the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area.

As a school district, we understand firsthand the important connection between a strong local economy and thriving schools. Family wage jobs, economic stability, and a healthy tax base directly impact the students and families we serve every day. The Cherry Point UGA has long played a critical role in supporting employment opportunities and regional economic strength here in Whatcom County.

Our Board believes thoughtful regional planning matters and that preserving a stable, predictable environment for heavy industry, while balancing environmental stewardship and community needs, is important to the long-term success of our region. We also recognize the importance of maintaining opportunities for future generations to live, work, and build successful futures within Whatcom County.

Thank you for your continued leadership and thoughtful consideration as discussions regarding the future of Cherry Point continue. We appreciate the complexity of this work and value the partnership among local jurisdictions in supporting a strong and sustainable future for our communities.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristi Dominguez
Superintendent
Ferndale School District

*On behalf of the Board of Directors
Ferndale School District*

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502
Ferndale, Washington 98248

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN SUPPORT OF THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL VIABILITY OF THE CHERRY POINT URBAN GROWTH AREA.

WHEREAS, the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area (“Cherry Point UGA”) has long been recognized as a regionally significant area for heavy industrial development and economic activity within Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, industrial uses at Cherry Point provide substantial economic benefits to local communities through family-wage employment opportunities, tax revenue generation, and secondary economic impacts that support public services, schools, infrastructure, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the continued viability of heavy industry within the Cherry Point UGA contributes to economic stability and helps retain employment opportunities for current and future generations within Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of maintaining clear and consistent long-term land use policies that provide certainty for existing and future industrial investment in the Cherry Point UGA; and

WHEREAS, the Board shares concerns previously expressed by other local taxing jurisdictions regarding potential land use changes that could shift the focus of the Cherry Point UGA away from heavy industrial uses and toward uses that may conflict with or compete against adjacent city urban growth areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports thoughtful regional planning that balances environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, infrastructure capacity, and compatibility with surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that preservation of industrial lands and living-wage employment opportunities is important to the long-term strength of the regional economy and the ability of local residents and students to build successful futures within Whatcom County;

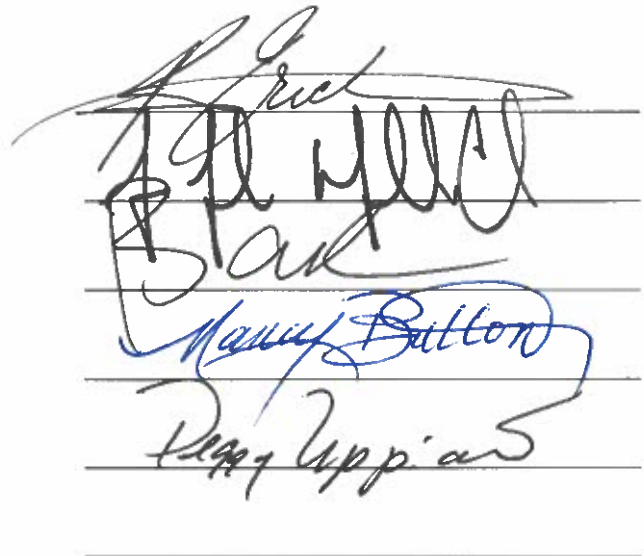
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Ferndale School District No. 502 supports maintaining the long-term industrial viability of the Cherry Point UGA and encourages Whatcom County and regional policymakers to preserve a stable planning environment that supports heavy industrial uses consistent with regional economic development goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages continued coordination among Whatcom County, the City of Ferndale, the City of Blaine, regional stakeholders, and affected communities regarding future planning and policy decisions affecting the Cherry Point UGA; and

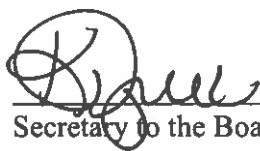
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board supports regional planning approaches that protect family-wage employment opportunities, strengthen the local tax base, and promote long-term economic resilience for Whatcom County communities.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of Ferndale School District No 502, Whatcom County, Washington, at a regular meeting held on this 26th day of May 2026.

FERNDAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The block contains five handwritten signatures in black ink, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are: 1. A signature that appears to be 'Eric' with a large flourish. 2. A signature that appears to be 'Bill Miller'. 3. A signature that appears to be 'Stan'. 4. A signature in blue ink that appears to be 'Manny Bolton'. 5. A signature in black ink that appears to be 'Deey Lippias'.

Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to be 'K. Miller'.

Secretary to the Board of Directors