



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Northwest Educational Service District (ESD) 189 – Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program Interlocal Agreement

DATE: July 30, 2021

Enclosed is an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Northwest ESD for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County Health Department is the lead agency for the North Sound Regional Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program (YMPEP) serving Whatcom, Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Snohomish Counties. Whatcom County receives funding from Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to coordinate implementation of strategies aimed at reducing initiation and use of marijuana by youth (ages 12-20) in the North Sound Region. This agreement provides funding to ESD 189 to support their participation in planning and implementing regional youth marijuana prevention strategies and activities.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, is provided by the Washington State Department of Health YMPEP. These funds are included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new Interlocal Agreement, however, funding for this work has been allocated to ESD 189 through previous Agreements since 2017. This Agreement includes no significant changes from the Agreement ending on 06/30/2021 (WC Contract #201711011).

Please contact Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager at 360-778-6054 (ADeacon@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at extension #6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions regarding this request.

