



Evergreen Public Schools

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Re: Vancouver HQ – Fishers Quarry

Dear Keith,

Thank you for your recent inquiry as to how Evergreen Public Schools would accommodate students generated from **Vancouver HQ – Fishers Quarry, Vancouver WA**. As part of our long range planning efforts, we appreciate working with the development community to track land use changes and residential development to help us respond to future growth and help our community strike a balance of commercial and residential properties to help create parity in the tax base between businesses and homeowners. The majority of funding for planned improvements are secured through voter approved bonds, which impacts the tax burden of District residents.

The following information reflects high school, middle school, and elementary schools that would be affected by the proposed project site. These figures do not reflect the cumulative impact of previously approved, unoccupied building lots. That information should be considered as part of the review process.

School	October 2021 Enrollment	Proposed Lots/Projected # of Students *	Permanent Enrollment Capacity	Temporary Enrollment Capacity	Enrollment Over (Under) Permanent Capacity**
Fisher's Landing ES	466	2,103 SFR/ 469 students	483	243	(17)
Shahala MS	901	2,103 SFR/ 223 students	853	343	48
Mountain View HS	1,569	2,103 SFR/ 307 students	1,694	63	(125)

**Projected number of students is based on the District's "student factor" (the number of students historically generated by a dwelling unit in the District). The projected student number is not calculated into the Enrollment Over (Under) Permanent Capacity count.*

*** Permanent Enrollment Capacity includes "bricks and mortar" facilities, due to limits on core services such as dining space, restrooms, media center, etc. Temporary Enrollment Capacity includes the number of portables available when permanent capacity is exceeded. Both capacity figures are based on the District's current educational program.*

Historically, the District has provided portable classrooms when enrollment exceeds the capacity of a school's permanent facility. As a result, we house students in portable classrooms at all but three of our thirty-seven (37) schools. It is imperative that developers and/or builders share this information with buyers as even the State Superintendent of Public Instruction does not consider portables to be equal to permanent facilities. Unfortunately, the state funding mechanism for school facilities requires districts to be over capacity before they are eligible for state funding.

Bus transportation is provided for elementary students who live more than 1/2 road mile from school, and for secondary students who live more than a road mile from school. If unsafe walking conditions exist, bus transportation is provided for students within the prescribed distance. Bus stops are determined as parcels are developed.

Please note that approval of a proposed subdivision, when combined with previously approved, unoccupied building lots, may result in a projected enrollment in excess of the enrollment capacity that would negatively affect the quality of the school's instructional programs or result additional costs to transport students to another school with available capacity. Again, it is essential that the developer and prospective residents of this subdivision understand that students residing there may not be allowed to enroll in their neighborhood school.

Please note that enrollment numbers represented may be temporarily skewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please feel free to contact Evergreen Public Schools Facilities Department at (360) 604-4077 if additional information is required.

Sincerely,



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