



## Snohomish County

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember Jared Mead, District 4, Council Chair  
Councilmember Nate Nehring, District 1, Council Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Megan Dunn, District 2  
Councilmember Strom Peterson, District 3  
Councilmember Sam Low, District 5

**Dave Somers**  
*County Executive*

VIA: Michael McCrary, Director  
Planning and Development Services

FROM: Eileen Canola, Senior Planner  
Planning and Development Services

SUBJECT: Agreement with Granite Falls School District No. 332 Related to Snohomish County's School Impact Fee Program – Chapter 30.66C Snohomish County Code (SCC)

DATE: May 15, 2024

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to execute an agreement between Snohomish County and the Granite Falls School District No. 332 ("District") related to the County's school impact fee program contained in Chapter 30.66C SCC. The District has indicated its desire to participate in the County's school impact fee program, for which an agreement is necessary to define the requirements of the District and the administrative duties of the County. The 2024 motion includes as Exhibit A such an agreement that has been signed by the Superintendent of the Granite Falls School District. The agreement is to remain valid so long as the District is eligible to receive school impact fees under Chapter 30.66C SCC.

#### BACKGROUND

Snohomish County operates a school impact fee program authorized by RCW 82.02.040 and the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) under Chapter 36.70A RCW. This GMA-based impact fee program was created in 1999 and codified in Chapter 30.66C SCC. Chapter 30.66C SCC allows for the County to assess and collect the fees based on proposed development projects, but then transfers those fees back to the appropriate school district. The imposition of impact fees is based on the premise that new development should pay a proportionate and equitable share of the public capital costs associated with growth. Therefore, school impact fees provide mitigation for the impacts of new development on public school facilities and can only be spent for the public facilities defined in RCW 82.02.050(4). Snohomish County is served by fifteen public school districts that are

governed by locally elected school boards. The County has agreements with eleven of those fifteen school districts to assist in their funding of needed capital facilities. The agreements provide for the following services: collection of impact fees on behalf of the school district as well as review of the school district's capital facilities plans. Approval of the 2024 motion would add a twelfth school district to this list.

**RECOMMENDATION**

PDS recommends approval of the motion authorizing the County Executive to sign the agreement.

cc: Ken Klein, Executive Director  
Michael McCrary, Director, PDS  
David Killingstad, Manager, PDS  
Ryan Countryman, Council Legislative Analyst