

October 23, 2009

Wick Dufford  
Hearing Examiner Pro Tempore  
City of Tacoma  
747 Market Street, Room 720  
Tacoma, Washington 98402

**Arthur O. Jarvis, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent**  
601 South 8th Street • P.O. Box 1357  
Tacoma, WA 98401-1357  
253.571.1010 • Fax 253.571.1440  
ajarvis@tacoma.k12.wa.us

Re: The Point at Northshore – HEXAPL2009-00009

Dear Mr. Dufford:

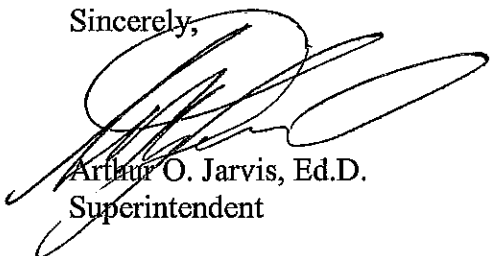
As you know, Tacoma School District has previously provided, through the land use and environmental review process, comments regarding proposed development of The Point at Northshore. As you also know, the District and the project developer recently agreed to address the potential impacts of the project on school facilities. I understand that a copy of that mitigation agreement was presented during the recent public hearing for the project.

The District's intent in entering into the mitigation agreement was to secure from the developer, if the development is approved, adequate funding to mitigate the impacts of the project on school facilities. The District's agreement with the developer should not, however, be interpreted as an endorsement of the proposed project.

We understand that the City of Tacoma will review the proposed project pursuant to all applicable City codes and requirements. As you know, the mitigation agreement does not address the identification and construction of safe walking paths in order to comply with RCW 58.17.110. We understand that conditions to address this and other relevant issues that are outside the scope of the mitigation agreement will be included as a part of the land use decision.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these supplemental comments regarding the The Point at Northshore. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Arthur O. Jarvis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

cc: Jennifer Ward, City of Tacoma