

February 28, 2019

Mayor Becky Erickson
City of Poulsbo
200 NE Moe St.
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Dear Mayor Erickson,

I am writing in support of the proposed Poulsbo Event and Recreation Center (PERC) at Poulsbo's College Market Place in Poulsbo. With the amount of new housing development and commercial establishments in the city, and the start of the Kingston Fast Ferry to Seattle, Poulsbo is prime for such a facility.

As a partner in the Poulsbo Regional Event Center project (July 2006 Master Plan), the North Kitsap School District has long been supportive of a project that will improve the quality of life for people within the North Kitsap School District boundaries. The PERC will be an easily reached, identifiable community focal point where people gather to socialize, participant in activities, recreate, host local and regional sports tournaments, and attend meetings and conferences. Not only will all of these activities be good for Poulsbo's economic development, but will provide positive impacts to those visiting the city.

Furthermore, the board and I believe that such a facility will continue to bolster the ongoing relationship between our community and the school district. When completed, the facility will provide resources that not only serve the community, but which might also strengthen activities and athletics programming in the North Kitsap School District.

The location of the PERC at College Market Place is ideal. Not only is it close to a state highway, but the infrastructure in the development is complete. Other local partners in the project will include WWU, Olympic College, and Youth Sports organizations who will work with the City of Poulsbo to make this facility a reality.

The North Kitsap School District's Board of Directors supports this grant proposal, and we look forward to learning more about the future of this project and other community improvements that the City of Poulsbo undertakes in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Cindy Webster-Martinson
President, NKSD School Board