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The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) is a local community council of elected citizens who reside in the unincorporated portion of Tahoma School District (TSD), an area totaling 73,198 acres. The GMVUAC advocates with King County, state officials, and other organizations for the interests of the citizens of our unincorporated area. Our southern boundary abuts the TSD property that is subject to dispute.

We have followed and participated in the process for both the City of Black Diamond Master Planned Developments and the Enumclaw School District (ESD) dispute with the Tahoma School District (TSD) over land currently entirely within the TSD.

Our evaluation of the district boundary adjustment proposed by the ESD finds that it would effectively remove tax parcels from the TSD along its southern boundary. We oppose this proposal, since it strictly deals with revenues and not students. In fact, we see no benefit whatsoever for either ESD or TSD students, while at the same time tax revenues would be taken from one school district by another.

The PSED now is involved because the school districts have been unable to reach an agreement on a boundary adjustment. We strongly urge the PSED to deny outright such a boundary adjustment, as it does not serve students or taxpayers and, in fact would hurt TSD taxpayers.

Thank you for taking our official written statement.

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