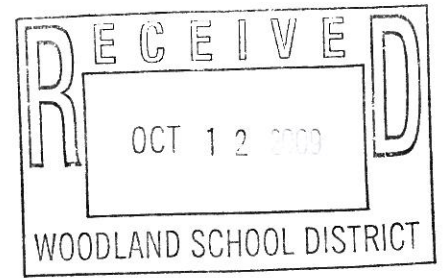


84 H River Rock Lane
Woodland, WA 98674

October 6, 2009

Mr. Michael Green
Woodland Superintendent
800 3rd St.
Woodland, WA 98674



Dear Mr. Green:

I am a senior attending Woodland High School. I have lived in this beautiful town since the 8th grade and I have noticed the population of Woodland has grown enormously. This growing town has a population of about 5,195 citizens, 2,249 of them are students in our district including Yale and Team High. As Of September of 2009 there were 698 students enrolled in the high school and every year to follow it's going to increase.

(http://www.woodlandschools.org/files/pages/wsd/wsd_board_meeting/sept_enrollment.pdf). I feel that a new high school is ready to be placed here in Woodland. I know that budget cuts are a huge concern for the upcoming years, but a new school will lead to higher education. I know that location was an issue and so were the increase in tax prices. I know this has been discussed at the school board meetings in great detail, but the Woodland community doesn't know much about the whole situation, including myself.

Have you walked down our hallways recently? I have walked into the high school for the past four years trying to get by the rest of the student body. It's so congested that sometimes people are tripping over one another. I have dropped a binder or ran into someone in the past years. When assemblies are held in our gym some students have to stand or sit on the floor because the bleachers are full. The seating in the gym has reached its limit. I encourage you to come walk down our hallways or attend an assembly to see how crowded our school is becoming.

Last year there was a vote to approve the new high school, but we didn't have enough people vote. Was it because they weren't well informed? I know my mother didn't know much about voting for the new high school. She didn't find out till it hit the newspaper. I know she was rather disappointed she didn't get to vote. Think of how many other parents may have been unaware of this. Did you mail a letter to each citizen in the mail? To many parents and students I know building a new high school is important to them.

After high school I am planning to attend WWU for the secondary education program. Woodland has grown on me and someday I hope to return to teach at Woodland High School. When I return to this great community to teach there is going to be a Wal-Mart, which is going to help the population growth in Woodland. I hope that when I return there will be a new high school built. I just wanted to thank you for being a great superintendent for the Woodland schools and I know you are helping our school district to the best of your abilities. Lets get the new high school passed to help the future high school students that are going to be attending Woodland High School.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jessica Pain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Pain".