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October 27, 2010

Mr. Michael Green
Superintendent
Woodland Public Schools
800 Third Street
Woodland, WA 98674

Dear Mr. Green:

At your request, I conducted a walk-through of the TEAM High School Facility located at 143 Davidson Avenue in Woodland on October 14, 2010. The purpose of that walk-through was to identify any significant, outstanding building and fire code issues related to your continued use of that facility for education of High School Students. Based on our conversation, I have determined that the use of this facility changed from a Business (B) Occupancy classification to an Educational (E) Occupancy classification in 2008. Educational (E) Occupancies are defined by the 2007 Code as: a building or portion thereof used by six or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade. The issues and concerns identified below are based on the 2007 editions of the Washington Fire and Building Codes that were in effect when the current use commenced in 2008.

Concerns Identified During the Walk-Through (10/14/2010):

- The current building is classified as a non-rated light wood frame structure (Type V-B). In accordance with section 503 of the 2007 Washington Building Code, a structure of this type that houses an (E) occupancy is limited to 1 story in height.
- A manual fire alarm system is required for buildings that contain an (E) occupancy in accordance with section 907.2.3 of the 2007 Washington Fire Code.
- Section 508.3.3 of the 2007 Washington Building Code requires a 2 hour fire barrier to separate the (E) Occupancy from the neighboring (B) occupancies in the same building.

Based on the information above, the facility at 143 Davidson is not suitable for its current use as an educational facility. I encourage the Woodland School District to pursue relocation of the TEAM High School to a more suitable facility as soon as practical. Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any clarification or further assistance with this matter. Thank you for your concern and dedication to public safety.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Jackson
Fire Chief

Cc: File, Mayor Chuck Blum