

WOODLAND Public Schools

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Dear Ms. Eddy:

Please accept this letter of support for the Port of Woodland's Dark Fiber Feasibility and Market Analysis Planning Grant. Many of the Woodland Public Schools' students live in rural areas outside of the city of Woodland. The ability to provide critical infrastructure like fiber is critical for increasing student access to education.

The 25-mile route from the Woodland city limits to the county line at Cougar is of particular interest to the Woodland School District for our students and families to access high-speed internet for education and communications. Providing such linkage for the Yale Valley and Cougar will offer key support to our vision to serve and support all students and have full access in receiving an excellent education.

Currently, the region is experiencing higher than average unemployment, lower than average household income, and higher than average rates of poverty in comparison to the state and neighboring counties. Yet, potential growth in residential housing up State Route 503 is pulling the last of capacity on established lines.

Please do not hesitate to contact our superintendent, Michael Green if you have any questions or concerns with this project at 360-841-2700 or greenm@woodlandschools.org.

Sincerely,

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