

DATE: December 14, 2016

TO: Port Constituents & General Public

FROM: Port of Ridgefield Commission

RE: Port of Ridgefield Support of February 2017 Ridgefield School District Bond Measure.
(No ballot number has been assigned)

The Port Commission believes quality education is essential to developing a skilled labor force and an educated workforce is a cornerstone of a healthy economy and community. The Port Commission further believes that quality physical infrastructure is necessary to support high quality education and student safety. And because the proposed school bond measure would support the following:

- Two distinct schools on a new school campus on South Hillhurst Road across from the existing high school: a new intermediate school for grades 5-6 and a new middle school for grades 7-8;
- New classroom building at Ridgefield High School that will house science, special education, fine arts, general education, a library/media center, and administrative offices;
- Safety and security enhancements at Union Ridge Elementary School and South Ridge Elementary School;
- Repurposing of View Ridge Middle School to house expanded community education programming, consolidated administrative and support services, and space for a partner-agency;
- A partnership with the City of Ridgefield where the City will construct outdoor sports complex. This will save district residents more than \$5 million.

The Port of Ridgefield Commission hereby expresses its support of the proposed 2017 Ridgefield School District Bond Measure.

Scott Hughes
Commissioner



Joe Melroy
Commissioner



Bruce Wiseman
Commissioner

