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School district no longer considering Frontier Communications as an educational service center

Everett Public Schools announced today that it has discontinued negotiations that could have led to purchase of the Frontier site at 1800 41st St. The board of directors considered the site as a potential location for consolidating separate and far flung educational support services.

"At the invitation of community partners and because of the prospect of tenants with similar educational missions, we considered the Frontier Communications site as an alternative location for educational support service consolidation," said Superintendent Gary Cohn. "Several factors converged to make that possibility a potential benefit to the community and to the district. It seemed there was a tremendous potential for educational and business partnerships – including the possibility of a four-year university. Those factors and initially attractive terms made the location worthy of thoughtful investigation."

Cohn explained that after gathering more information about timing, various potential tenant needs and considering the risks, the district is no longer considering the Frontier location.

"Saving taxpayer money in both the short term and in the long run is key as we consider consolidation," said Cohn. "Any alternate plan for a consolidated educational service center needs to save capital dollars for school construction and operating dollars for the classroom. We owed it to our students and our community partners to responsibly explore the Frontier site as a combined educational service center and community education campus. The possibilities for educational programs at that location were and still are exciting for students and the community. However, Everett Public Schools is not in a position to continue considering the Frontier location as an alternative for consolidating educational support service operations."

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