

VASHON ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GERALD L. HESTER, SUPERINTENDENT
VASHON, WASHINGTON

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Mr. T.H. Muncaster, Superintendent
Everett School District No. 2
4730 Colby
Everett, Washington 98202


Dear Ted:

We hope to receive your support on this resolution calling for reduction of ferry fares for educational trips under the direct supervision of the public schools. The proposal is being submitted to the Toll Bridge Authority by a number of districts which are directly affected. Indirectly, all districts would be affected by such a reduction in rates.

We are asking your support, and ask also that your board give us support by adopting the resolution at its next meeting. Mr. Bruno has given our proposal his approval, and is anxious to get the resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of the Toll Bridge Authority. For this reason we are asking that the resolution be returned to me as soon as possible after your next meeting.

Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Hester
Superintendent of Schools

GLH:ds

TO: Governor Daniel Evans, Chairman
Washington State Toll Bridge Authority

FROM: Gerald L. Hester, Superintendent of Schools, Vashon Island

RE: Equal Educational Opportunities for Approved Elementary and
Secondary Pupils dependent upon Washington State Ferries and
Toll Bridges when Participating in Educational Experiences

"The legal basis for the establishment, administration, supervision, and operation of the public school system and related services are found in constitutional and statutory provisions and in regulations, plans and procedures adopted by legally constituted state, county and local school district authorities pursuant to powers and duties prescribed by law. The constitutional provisions upon which are based the acts of the Legislatures providing for public school system read as follows: (a) It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders,"

The following resolution is based upon the above statement taken from the Eighteenth Edition of the State Manual of Washington.

RESOLUTION No. 133

WHEREAS it is deemed to be the prerogative of every pupil in the State of Washington to have equal educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS educational experiences requiring ferry transportation are important parts of the total education of the pupil and are therefore considered necessary by teachers, administrators, school board members and parents; and

WHEREAS there are very few schools that are isolated geographically in such a way that they are largely dependent upon the Washington State Ferries for transportation of pupils on these educational trips; and

WHEREAS the ferry fares charged the pupils for educational trips cause curtailment of educational trips and are responsible for some pupils to miss, and to be eliminated from these important educational experiences, thus depriving them of their equal educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS a decrease in rates for educational trips under the direction and supervision of the public schools would create no loss of revenue to the ferry system as the budgeted sum allocated for ferry travel would still be used for increased volume of travel; and

WHEREAS the school districts would adjust their travel schedules to avoid peak periods of ferry usage; and

WHEREAS the modern world requires the educational system to provide pupils with as broad a horizon as possible which necessitates getting them off the islands for broader experiences; and

WHEREAS the increased use of concessions on the ferries will result in some greater percentage return for the Toll Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS the ferry system is owned and operated as a function of the State of Washington, through the Washington State Highway Department and the Toll Bridge Authority;

THEREFORE it is asked and requested that action be taken by the Toll Bridge Authority to provide pupils of school districts using the ferries or the toll bridges opportunities commensurate with pupils of other districts in the State of Washington.

Action necessary to provide equal educational opportunities for pupils dependent upon Washington State Ferries and toll bridges participating in educational trips under the direction and supervision of the public schools:

PROPOSAL: That the Toll Bridge Authority charge the
present vehicular rates plus a \$1.00 load
fee; and for purposes of identification, the
school district must charge on ferry charge
slips.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors
of Everett School Dist. No. 2 on the 7 day of Feb., 1966,
the undersigned Directors being present and voting.

Muriel B. Terrell

Stanley Mitchell

James R. Otto

Edward Diamond

Robert C. Carlson

Board of Directors, School District No. 2
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Washington

ATTEST:

O. Johnson
Clerk, Board of Directors