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YMCA of Snohomish County buys school district property on Colby

*YMCA pays \$3.325 million
for district's former
Educational Service
Center*

The "For Sale" sign at 4710 Colby Avenue will come down as a result of the signed agreement today between Everett Public Schools and YMCA of Snohomish County for just over eight acres in central Everett. The YMCA plans to replace its existing downtown facility with a new and expanded one at the Colby location.



The agreed-to sale price of \$3.325 million was electronically transferred today to the district's capital projects fund held by Snohomish County.

Mike Gunn, executive director of facilities and operations, indicated the school board is responsible for determining how those sale funds will be used. "Among the possibilities discussed is purchasing land adjacent to property we own on 180th Street SE. That is the planned location for a future elementary and high school, and the district has sought additional land there for the future school."

The district bought the Colby property in two transactions (1928 and 1946) and built the Educational Service Center there in 1964. The main building is 13,550 square feet. Portables added to the site over the years added 2,770 square feet of office space.

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In 2013, district support services were relocated from the Colby site, the Longfellow building on Oakes, and from other locations in schools to the Community Resource Center on Broadway. The district still owns the 104 year old Longfellow building and land surrounding it, having not yet found a financially qualified buyer, willing to buy the site for the terms offered by the district. The three-level structure of 32,200 square feet sits on 2.34 acres, was built in 1911 as a school and used as a location for some school support services since 1971.

The Community Resource Center sits on 3.6 acres the district purchased in separate partials in 1961, 1984 and 1986. The building includes 68,531 square feet of office and community meeting space and is designed to meet district support service needs for approximately 75 years.

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