



## Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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To: Ms. Hannah Hadley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
From: Phil Brockman, Superintendent, Sedro-Woolley School District  
Re: Skagit River General Investigation Study

On behalf of the Sedro-Woolley School District, I would like to voice our concern in regard to the Skagit River General Investigation Study.

Based on information from the study it is very evident that several of the school district schools will or may be affected by the raising of levees west of Sedro-Woolley. We are very concerned that Clear Lake Elementary will be highly affected by future flooding. We understand that Clear Lake Elementary is located in the flood zone presently, but raising levee levels will quite likely mean that the school facility will incur even more damage when flooding occurs. In addition to our concern about Clear Lake Elementary, we also have concerns about Central and Mary Purcell Elementary schools, as well as Sedro-Woolley High School. The concern is that these three schools will be affected by flooding, especially after comments made by public officials that Fidalgo Street would more than likely be under water when flooding occurs. Based on conversations with the Sedro-Woolley City officials, we are also very concerned that the wastewater treatment plant (located between Sterling and Alexander Streets) will not be adequately protected from flooding, resulting in the overwhelming of the system. If this is the case, there would be a major safety issue with our nearby schools and families.

Our concern is not only with our school facilities, but with displaced families and school closures, resulting in property damage, monetary impacts and loss of instruction, potentially for a significant period of time. The emotional toll placed on our families and more importantly, our children, would be devastating and in some cases irreversible.

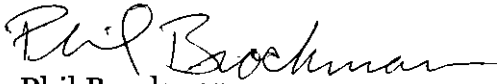
In conclusion, we ask that before final decisions are made to raise levee levels, that the corps study the impacts of the tentatively selected project on our schools and school community. And allow the school district to have further comment before

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selecting a final project. We ask that if the decision is to raise levee levels, that there are mitigations made to reduce the impact on our school facilities and families. It must be noted that we are publicly funded and have been highly supported by our school community that spans nearly 300 square miles. As public officials and stewards of public funds, it is in all of our best interests to do whatever possible to minimize the flood risk to our school community. Please feel free to contact me for further discussion or for any clarifications.

Sincerely,



Phil Brockman  
Superintendent  
Sedro-Woolley School District