

# Potential School Sites – State Trust Land Study

## Project Overview

- Work Group members jointly appointed by the State Superintendent and the Commissioner of Public Lands representing:
  - Joint Legislative Task Force on School Construction Funding
  - Washington State School Directors’ Association
  - School Districts Impacted by Growth
  - Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development
- Staffing to the project is a coordinated effort between:
  - DNR – trust land analysis and Work Group facilitation
  - OSPI – consultant providing High Growth School District definition and direct interviews / coordination with identified school districts
- Guided by the Project Work Plan
  - Progress to date
    - Work Group Meeting on August 22, 2008
      - Found that a definition of “High Growth” may not be necessary – this work could benefit any school district in the state and can approach DNR at any time
      - However, recognizing the legislative direction:
        - Reviewed four recommendations for a definition of High Growth School Districts:
          - Numeric Growth in Student Enrollment
          - Percent Rate of Growth in Student Enrollment
          - Hybrid
          - Other, such as considering OFM GMA 2020 and 2030 county forecast data
      - Agreed to:
        - A definition measured by the Numeric Growth in Student Enrollment
        - A review of the top 40 school districts captured by this measure
        - Use of the OSPI cohort projection enrollment reports (1049)
      - Recognized and raised concerns regarding:
        - Numeric growth favors larger school districts
        - OSPI enrollment projection method is under review
        - Definition of High Growth School Districts should only be for the purposes of **this** report.
      - This report:
        - **should** outline possible methods, state programs or options for assisting any school district with long-term planning for school sites.
        - **could** outline the existing options and tools available to school districts
  - Tasks underway and future tasks – See Work Plan

## Potential School Sites – State Trust Land Study Work Plan

Task	Responsibility	Schedule
<b>#1:</b> Identify potential high growth school districts (HGSD): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prepare alternative definitions for HGSD.</i></li> <li>• <i>Document assumptions, criteria and methodology.</i></li> </ul>	Consultant	By August 13
<b>#2:</b> Provide information and direction to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Definition of HGSD.</i></li> <li>• <i>Considerations for valuing and holding trust lands.</i></li> </ul>	Work Group	August 22
<b>#3:</b> Re-identify HGSD and identify trust lands potentially available for school sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Listing of DNR parcels by HGSD.</i></li> <li>• <i>Maps of parcels with accompanying information.</i></li> </ul>	Consultant and DNR	August – September 4
<b>#4:</b> Identify the need for school sites in HGSDs and suitability of trust lands to meet those needs from a school district perspective.	Consultant	August 15 – September 27
<b>#5:</b> Prepare options for holding and valuing trust land for school sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meets legal requirements.</i></li> <li>• <i>Meets management objectives.</i></li> </ul>	DNR	September/October
<b>#6:</b> Provide information and direction to the work and preliminary findings or conclusions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Re-identification of HGSDs.</i></li> <li>• <i>Need for and suitability of lands from a school district perspective.</i></li> <li>• <i>Options for valuing and holding lands.</i></li> </ul>	Work Group	September 30
<b>#7:</b> Prepare draft report containing findings and conclusions.	Consultant and DNR	October
<b>#8:</b> Review draft report and options for holding and valuing trust land	Work Group	November 6
<b>#9:</b> Produce and distribute final report	Consultant/DNR	After November 6
<b>#10:</b> Presentations and report to Legislature	Consultant/DNR/OSPI	November/December

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