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Dear Mr. Welch, Ms. Valentino and Mr. Lanting,

This letter follows your correspondence of August 6, 2024, in which you notified the Riverview and Lake Washington School Districts of your receipt of verification from King County of a petition proposing the transfer of school district territory from Riverview School District to Lake Washington School District.

In accordance with RCW 28A.315.195, the two Districts requested an extension of time to respond, and attempted to negotiate the proposed transfer of territory. Unfortunately, the Districts could not reach a resolution.

On November 18, 2024, after a public hearing, the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors voted in favor of a resolution to transfer the proposed territory to the Lake Washington School District. On December 4, 2024, after holding a special meeting to hear from the public, the Riverview School District Board of Directors voted in favor of a resolution against the proposed transfer of territory to Lake Washington School District. The Districts have now reached an impasse.

Accordingly, pursuant to RCW 28A.315.195(8), Riverview School District is now requesting a hearing by the regional committee to resolve this matter. It is the District's understanding that Mr. Welch shall notify the chair of the regional committee in writing within ten days, and the chair of the regional committee shall schedule a hearing on the proposed transfer of territory at a location in the educational service district within sixty calendar days of such notification. Riverview School District proposes that a hearing date be scheduled with input from both Districts in order to accommodate witnesses and pre-planned employee leave over the holidays and in late January and February.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Susan Leach  
Superintendent

cc: Dr. Jon Holmen, Superintendent, Lake Washington School District