<u>Valerie Paganelli</u> (Wed, 22 Nov at 2:20 PM)

to:pdc@pdc.wa.gov Mr. Fox Blackhorn,

Thank you for your letter alerting me to the situation regarding my campaign. I wish to go on record that, as part of the organization of my campaign materials for Tahoma School District No. 409 School Board Director District No. 5, I conferred orally with appropriate School District representative(s) to affirm it was not in violation of or concern to Tahoma School District (TSD) for me to use the words, "Future Ready".

Representative(s) of TSD orally confirmed they had no exclusive rights to the words "Future Ready"; that the words are used to describe the district's educational programs; that the words are commonly used within the education system nationwide to represent any number of meanings; and that anyone can use the words without implications to TSD.

I chose to use the words "Future Ready" strictly of my own accord based on my personal beliefs that future ready means "inspiring a continual learning environment", with particular interests in merging the past, present and future to properly educate the youth in our community in order for them to adapt to everchanging employment landscapes. These themes were represented consistently throughout my campaign.

I will also add that as part of my campaign I did not solicit, directly or indirectly, campaign endorsements or donations from any individual or entity, including representatives of the Tahoma school District.

If there are further questions of this nature, I am happy to address them.

Best Regards, Valerie Paganelli 206-301-0608