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**Arlington Public Schools Seeking Letters of Interest**

Arlington Public Schools (“District”) is seeking Letters of Interest for a purchase or lease of the Trafton Properties (“properties”) located at 12528 and 12616 Jim Creek Road, Arlington, east of SR-530 in Arlington, Washington. This site is in unincorporated Snohomish County and consists of two tax parcels, which total approximately 6.19 acres; the Trafton School is on one of the parcels and a residential house is on the other parcel. Trafton Elementary School was closed in 2010 after careful review of the on-going cost and repairs necessary to keep the building in use and the District’s student enrollment. The school building and residential house were previously rented and are now vacant.

In early 2013 the Arlington School Board and district administration determined that a long-range Master Facilities Plan was needed to address facility issues including building conditions, educational needs, non-school properties, and funding for short and long-term capital needs. A Master Facilities Planning Committee was formed for the planning process and included several members of the community. Their meetings and investigations were conducted between April 2013 and April 2014. Their recommendations were presented to the Board on July 9, 2014. The Master Facilities Planning Committee recommended the District sell non-school properties that are not in accord with the District’s mission.

The sale or lease of the Trafton properties is consistent with the recommendation of the Facilities Master Plan for properties that are not in accord with the District’s mission. The Trafton properties have not been used by the District since the school was closed, and the District does not anticipate a need for the properties in the future.

The District is excited to provide this opportunity to purchase this beautiful historic facility for continued use. This offering presents interested and capable parties with the unique ability to potentially own or lease both parcels, which have excellent access and visibility in rural Snohomish County. The District reserves the right to determine acceptance of which offer, if any, is in the best interest of the District, and to negotiate with any or all offers prior to sale. A guided site tour is scheduled for October 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

For information, answers to questions or viewing of the Properties, contact the District's Real Estate Advisor, Cynthia Berne, Long Bay Enterprises, at 206-937-0536. The RFLI (Request for Letter of Interest) and related documents are available at [Longbayenterprises.com](http://Longbayenterprises.com).

Offers will be accepted until November 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and should be submitted to the District to the attention of Sid Logan, Executive Director of Operations, either electronically to [slogan@asd.wednet.edu](mailto:slogan@asd.wednet.edu) with the subject line "RFLI - Trafton Properties" or by mail/hand delivery to Arlington Public Schools, Administration Building, 315 N. French Avenue, Arlington, Washington 98223.

### **About Arlington Public Schools**

Arlington School District enrolls approximately 5,444 students in grades Preschool-12, employs 606 people, and has outstanding community support and parental involvement. Arlington Public Schools has been recognized 13 times in the past several years for:

- Schools receiving the School of Distinction Award
- Schools receiving the Washington Achievement Award Being an efficient district by the State Auditor's Office
- Puget Sound Journal rated Arlington as the number four towns to live in within the Puget Sound area based on school performance
- One of the best school districts in the state for high achieving/low spending by the Center for American Progress
- Good ratings on the Financial Health Indicator
- Exceptional results on inspection of the bus fleet by Washington State Patrol

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