



Ms. Pegi McEvoy

Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Seattle Public Schools

Pegi,

Thornton Creek has been a highly sought out program in northeast Seattle for many years. We anticipate the demand for our program will continue and that Thornton Creek will continue to offer families in northeast Seattle a Creative Approach program.

After considerable discussion, Thornton Creek's Site Council has agreed that while it wants the program to continue as a K-5 we believe we can be part of a capacity solution by growing to become a three class per grade level of general education classes, three classes of SM4 classes and we propose the addition of two SM1g classes to create an elementary school of 500 students in a newly constructed building on our site.

The Site Council will need to have further discussions with Program Placement and the Department of Special Education to determine support for the addition of SM1g classes to our configuration.

The Site Council also proposes that when our elementary program moves into the new building, the Decatur building be reconfigured as sixth-eighth grade option program creating a pathway for our students to an alternative middle school. Such a configuration on this site would provide SPS with additional alternative program spaces in the northeast.

As District enrollment continues to increase, a corresponding increase in the District's capacity to provide families with alternative school seats in the northeast will also increase.

On behalf of the Thornton Creek community, we ask you to consider our proposal. Representatives of the Site Council are available to meet or talk with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Chris Stewart, chair Thornton Creek Site Council

Tim Fonken, co-chair Thornton Creek Site Council