

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502  
Ferndale, Washington 98248

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 502, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN SUPPORT OF THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL VIABILITY OF THE CHERRY POINT URBAN GROWTH AREA.**

WHEREAS, the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area (“Cherry Point UGA”) has long been recognized as a regionally significant area for heavy industrial development and economic activity within Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, industrial uses at Cherry Point provide substantial economic benefits to local communities through family-wage employment opportunities, tax revenue generation, and secondary economic impacts that support public services, schools, infrastructure, and local businesses; and

**Ferndale School District Voices Support for Cherry Point Industry**

BUILD Whatcom applauds the Ferndale School District for passing a resolution supporting the long-term future of Cherry Point and for recognizing what many in Whatcom County already know: strong industry helps build strong communities.

Cherry Point has long played an important role in the regional economy by supporting good paying jobs, generating tax revenue and helping fund essential public services, including schools and local programs. The district’s resolution highlights the importance of maintaining clear, consistent planning policies that support long-term economic stability and future opportunity for local families and students.

As regional conversations about land use and growth continue, this resolution reinforces the value of thoughtful planning that balances economic opportunity and environmental stewardship with community needs.

Preserving industrial lands at Cherry Point helps ensure Whatcom County remains a place where people can live, work and build successful futures close to home for generations to come.