



Deer Park
SCHOOL DISTRICT

22 January 2024

Deer Park School District
Attn: President, School Board
N. 428 Main
Deer Park, Washington 99006

Sequence: 2024-001b

Dear School Board President and Directors,

During our board meetings, if I have issues requiring attention, requests on behalf of myself or that of the board, new initiatives, etc., I will them forward in writing to this board through our President to be discussed during new or old business or added to the agenda where appropriate. This will ensure the topics are incorporated into the minutes and documented to support RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30.

Based on director feedback from the 8 and 15 Jan 2024 Board meetings, I will try to provide a copy at least a week prior to the next scheduled board meeting. I will try to use alternative "staff channels," when appropriate. However, when I publish them to the President/Directors, they are required to be brought to the next board meeting and published in the minutes under RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30.

In the Washington Attorney General "Overview of Open Government in Washington State: Open Public Records and Open Public Meetings" training on page 5, it states (see attachment):

- "The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them."
- "The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."
- "The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created."
- The "free and open examination of public records is in the public interest, even though such examination may cause inconvenience or embarrassment to public officials or others."

With regards,
Gerald F. Ashby
Deer Park School Board Director, #4