



Stanton Academy

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William O. Douglas Trail Foundation
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Vision Statement:

“Beginning with the end in mind...”

Mission Statement:

***Students, families, and staff
working together towards
graduation.***

2015-2016 School Focus:

***Literacy
Relationships
Collaboration***

Dave Chaplin
Principal

Rod Bryant
Dean of Students

To whom it may concern:

I am currently the principal at Stanton Academy located on River Road to the west of 6th Avenue. We have direct access to the William O. Douglas Trail. Our students utilize the trail on a daily basis, coming to and departing school. A basic requirement for our students to graduate is the knowledge of United States History. What better opportunity than to explore the early life of one of our Supreme Court Justices? The local effort to preserve this important part of history is a movement our students should be involved in.

During the 2015-2016 school year, we had one third of our students participate in an outdoor activity that spanned many content areas. In order to do this transportation, was a large detractor to planning. The activity included history, hiking, natural sciences, and sustaining nature. Having grown up in the area and hiked and biked in the proposed area, I personally support the project. To have access to an area such as the proposed Selah Ridge Area and the William O. Douglas hill climb would be a boon for us.

Our students get most of their experience of the city, state, and federal government through text or multimedia presentations. The opportunity to participate in this effort at whatever level will support their acquisition of local history, local government processes, and the federal court system. Students will have the chance to participate in the improvements in the city infrastructure along the route they travel on a daily basis.

As this effort progresses, I hope that we may participate in some way to help the project succeed. Stanton Academy has a strong sense of family. The values that this project is built upon is to bring a sense of community, history and pride which being a part of a family includes. These are a few of the reasons that I, as principal of Stanton Academy and an educator in the Yakima School District for 34 years can support this effort.

Sincerely,

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