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Leadership Yakima
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Dear Leadership Yakima Team:

I would like to write in support of the Naches River Bridge Walkway proposed by Leadership Yakima and the William O. Douglas Trail Foundation. The Yakima School District and the staff of A.C. Davis High School endeavor to provide the highest quality educational programs and learning opportunities for our students. Part of the educational process is teaching students the significance of our heritage.

The William O. Douglas Trail presents an excellent opportunity to teach students about local history and the environment. Davis High School plays an important role at the start of this trail because Douglas attended and served on the faculty of this institution. Several teachers have guided students on interpretive hikes to the Selah Gap area. These treks have enabled us to integrate important aspects of natural history, literature, and social studies in a manner that is not always possible in the classroom. Many students learn best when the theories or concepts acquired in the classroom are linked to "hands on" or "on the ground" learning. The Selah Gap and Naches/Yakima Rivers Confluence Area possesses a rich storehouse of local history, natural history, and landforms within the urban area that enhance such learning.

Installation of a pedestrian walkway on the trolley bridge will enable students, faculty, and community members to access this important resource area at the confluence of the Yakima and Naches Rivers. We hope to see this project completed to promote these unique learning opportunities and healthy outdoor activities for the community.

Sincerely,

Ben Ramirez, Principal
A.C. Davis High School

We educate students for success: life-long learning, employment and social awareness.

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