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The WAITING GAME

Developmental Disabilities Community Trust

(The Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account)

The Dan Thompson Memorial Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account was created by the Washington State Legislature in 2005 in House Bill 1791 (WAC 71A.20.170). All proceeds from excess properties identified in a JLARC capital study at Rainier School and Lakeland Village were to be deposited into the account for family support, employment or day services for eligible persons with developmental disabilities. Only investment income from the principal of the amount can be used.

In the last legislative session, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) was directed to develop a Master Plan for underutilized property at the Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center (RHC). The facility has been used by people with developmental disabilities since 1959.

DSHS has completed their assessment and identified 33 acres of land located in the western and southeastern portions of the Fircrest campus considered to be "excess." In January 2008, DSHS will submit a plan to the Legislature that recommends future uses for this land.

We request that any land at the Residential Habilitation Centers identified as "Excess Property" be added to the Dan Thompson Memorial Community Trust. This includes 33 acres currently identified as excess land at Fircrest.

The method used to classify the land at Fircrest as excess is the same method used to identify the first land included in the Trust from Rainier School and Lakeland Village. By placing current and future excess lands in the DD Trust, the Legislature will maintain this asset for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Proceeds from the Trust will broaden the base of funding for family support and employment programs.

MAINTAIN THE ASSET!

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