

VASHON PARK DISTRICT/VASHON SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This position paper presents an evaluation of the current interlocal agreement that VPD has with the Vashon School District.

There are several issues that were identified during the course of the evaluation (see attached spreadsheet) which are discussed below.

1. We can find no evidence that any other interlocal agreement in counties/school districts in Washington requires one entity paying another entity for the use of facilities other than to cover direct incremental costs.
2. The sum of \$100,000 which is paid to the school district (VISD) by VPD is based on assumptions that we question and which we believe adversely affects VPD:
 - a. We pay a fixed fee for use of school facilities which no other park district has to pay.
 - b. The amount of the fixed fee given to the school district is an estimate which was arrived at by a faulty analysis.
 - c. Both VPD and school district facilities were provided by the public through approval of levies/bonds and the public should therefore have access to both set of facilities.
 - d. The 100k represents ~8% of the VPD budget which is significant, and VPD simply can't afford to spend its funds that way. The sum represents less than 1% of the VISD annual budget.
 - e. The agreement requires that VPD subsidize the school district use of facilities which we feel is improper.
 - f. The school district uses the pool facilities for free.
 - g. The agreement requires that VPD is to schedule all Commons facilities without cost to VISD which is clearly unfair.
3. We recommend that the parties negotiate a new agreement that is more in line with standard practice.