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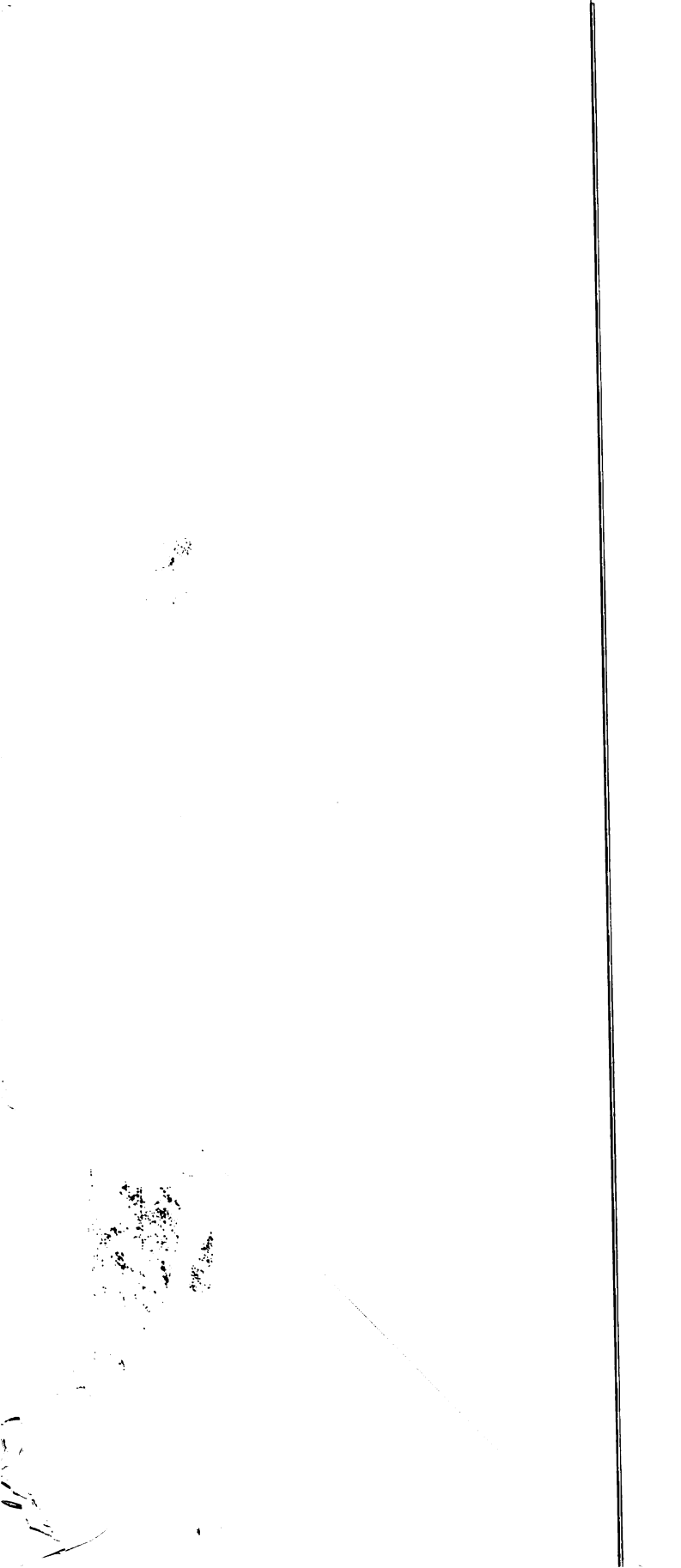
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# Lake Pend Oreille School District #84

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RE: File ZC0005-24

To whom it may concern,

The Lake Pend Oreille School District recognizes that development will occur, and we are always excited to welcome new families into the community. However, we are conscientious of the impact increased student enrollment and new development can have on our patrons. As you are probably aware, school districts may not impose impact fees and there is no funding mechanism at the State level for school construction and land acquisition. The only avenue for school districts is to pass a local levy and/or school construction bond.

Our schools have definitely seen an impact with the influx of new developments in our area. Several schools are near capacity and additional development can cause a strain on our District's resources and facilities. It will also have an overall effect on the growth we are struggling to manage. For larger developments and annexations, the District would be in favor of a donation of land to help mitigate the impact of growth. We understand that this is not feasible for smaller projects, even though each new proposed small development is compounded with other proposed new developments.

The District is in favor of an option of a "closing donation" for each house in a proposed new development. We have seen this work successfully in surrounding districts. Even though the donations would certainly not fund new schools, they do give the District an avenue to save for land acquisition and building upgrades. Short of a change to the Idaho State Constitution delineating funding for school facilities, we are willing to meet with the developers to discuss a "win-win" option.

Responsible development must include planning for the impact on schools. We look forward to working with planning agencies and developers to improve the quality of our schools and future neighborhoods. If you have any question or want to discuss the direct effects of development on our district, please contact the District Office at 208-263-2184.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Meyer".

Dr. Becky Meyer, Superintendent of Schools

