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Representative Javadi,

Thank you for meeting with Mark Sybouts, Neah-Kah-Nie School District Business Manager and me to discuss how the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Forest Management Plan (FMP) will negatively impact the short- and long-term financial status of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. We also discussed how the current downward trend in timber revenue from the Tillamook State Forest is impacting the NKN School District. At the meeting, you requested a list of how a reduction in timber revenue, due to possible (HCP) and (FMP) implementation, will negatively impact the financial stability of the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Here is the list:

- A reduction of \$380,00 in the 2023-24 budget including: 1 custodian, 1 media specialist, and various other reductions.
- A reduction of \$240,000 from the 2021-2022 General Fund carry over. A "carry over" for the NKN School District is not a true "carry over" since these funds pay all staff costs from July to September.
- If the HCP is implemented, the school district will see approximately a \$2,000,000 reduction in the carry over each year.
- If the HCP is implemented, there will be reductions in licensed and classified staff.
- Class sizes will increase
- Extra-curricular opportunities will decrease
- Deferred facility maintenance
- Reductions in supply, technology, and other budgets
- Non-compliance with state recommended textbook adoptions
- Reduction of emergency preparedness supply budget
- Reduction of staff professional development
- Capital Improvement Plan projects will be limited to Construction Excise Tax funds
- Possible reduction of student contact days
- Unlike the majority of Oregon school districts, NKN School District is not reimbursed for expenses to educate high-cost disability students, these costs are offset by local revenues (timber & property taxes.)

Thank you for your advocacy for the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. We will meet in person on Monday, May 8 at the NKN School Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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