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City of Puyallup  
Chris Beale  
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333 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**Bell Place Apartments (City of Puyallup Case No. PLPSP20250082)**

Dear Mr. Beale:

Thank you for notifying the Puyallup School District (the “district”) regarding the proposed residential project. Student safety as well as ease of access for the community to district schools is a paramount priority to the district. We have reviewed this submittal with an eye toward these issues and others. We offer the following comments regarding this project.

The applicant proposes constructing 100 multi-family residential units. Utilizing districtwide average student generation rates for this type of development, the district estimates the development will generate:

- 15 K-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary students
- Six 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade junior high students
- Five 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students

The site is located within the Meeker Elementary, Kalles Junior High and Puyallup High School attendance areas. No school bus transportation is planned to serve future resident students from this project. The site is located within the school walk area for each of the three schools listed above.

To support safe walk routes between the project site and Meeker Elementary, the district requests this project contribute to the same improvements identified in the district’s comment letter for the Puyallup AOB Mixed-Use project dated November 18, 2025, which states:

- *“The Puyallup AOB Mixed-Use project improves the existing crosswalk at the west leg of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW / 4<sup>th</sup> ST SW intersection by narrowing with length of travel of the crosswalk adding pedestrian bump outs and/or the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for facing east and west along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.”*
- *“The City of Puyallup consider adding a school speed zone along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in the vicinity of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW / 4<sup>th</sup> St SW crosswalk.”*



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The district prioritizes adding pedestrian bulb-outs (curb extensions) on each side of the crosswalk as the most critical component of this request. Please make the district a party of record through the permitting process for this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Devereux  
Director of Facilities Planning

cc: Brad Thayer, Assistant Director of Transportation  
David Couch, Principal, Meeker Elementary

