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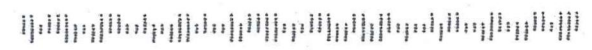


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RE: Avista's Transportation Electrification Plan

Dear Commissioners:

As superintendent of Pullman Public Schools, I am honored to serve the community of Pullman, Washington, including 2800+ students.

In 2019 the Pullman Public Schools Board of Directors developed, with extensive community feedback, the "Pullman Promise", our strategic plan. A core goal of this new plan is "Build Together: We honor our students' futures". This includes not just the academic and professional futures of our students, but also the future of the environment in which our students live. With this in mind, we have made huge strides in the area of sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint of Pullman Public Schools.

Transportation is a component of our sustainability efforts. We have already installed electric car charging stations at two of our schools, received a grant for an electric bus, streamlined bus routes, and encouraged walking and biking. The efforts of Avista to increase the prevalence of electricity based transportation in our region have the potential to have a dramatic positive impact on our region, and the families that Pullman Public Schools serves. Our students' futures depend on our community caring for the environment. A reduction of emissions and an increased use of alternative methods of transportation will surely benefit each of our students.

Avista is a valued community partner. We strongly support the mission of Avista and highly recommend approval of the Transportation Electrification Plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Maxwell

Superintendent, Pullman Public Schools

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