

PROTECT LUMMI ISLAND COMMUNITY



P.O. Box 266  
Lummi Island, WA 98262  
March 27, 2014

Dear Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee,

In its meeting on March 25, 2014, PLIC Board Members agreed that LIFAC should recommend that Whatcom County introduce an ordinance amendment to:

Provide free passage twice a day during the school year (180 days) for an adult to accompany elementary-school children who ride the ferry from Gooseberry Point and back to attend the Beach Elementary School on Lummi Island.

Concerns for student safety and the assurance by Ferndale School Superintendent Linda Quinn that the district would administer the free passage in two ways reassure the PLIC board that this free passage would be of value to both students and ferry crew members, and would not be abused. The district said it would:

1. Develop and implement an educational plan for students and their parents to teach safe ferry riding skills and
2. Train, certify and schedule adults who would use the free passage.

In addition, the school is in the process of applying for a Safe-Streets grant that would improve student safety between the school and the ferry dock. The PLIC board supports this as well. I can be reached at (360) 306-0049 should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Rhayma Blake, President

cc: Linda Quinn