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David Cram, Interim Superintendent 305 N. 6th Street La Conner, Washington 98257

**RE:** Formal Release From Binding Conditions

Dear Interim Superintendent Cram:

Since August 2023, the La Conner School District has been working in partnership with OSPI and ESD 189 to improve the financial situation of the district through a binding conditions agreement. The binding conditions were put in place when the school district was unable to produce a balanced budget for the 2023–24 school year. The agreement required the district to demonstrate improved financial health through achieving key financial benchmarks such as minimum fund balance levels.

Upon recommendation of OSPI and ESD 189, Superintendent Reykdal is pleased to announce that the La Conner School District is released from binding conditions effective immediately. The district has made substantial progress regarding their financial situation over the last 15 months. OSPI and ESD 189 no longer believe that the district is at imminent risk of financial difficulty.

We look forward to continued partnership and communication with the district on an as needed basis.

Sincerely,

T.J. Kelly Chief Financial Officer Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Ismael Vivanco Superintendent Educational Service District 189