

**Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Citizens for Marysville Schools: PDC Case 160558**

I, Dean Ledford, as Treasurer
(Printed Name of Respondent) (Printed Title)

of Citizens for Marysville Schools, hereby acknowledge that Citizens for Marysville Schools (CMS) (Respondent), did not timely and accurately file one or more C-3 or C-4 reports with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) as required by RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240.

The Respondent would like to avoid the time and expense resulting from a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) before the Presiding Officer. Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, the Respondent acknowledges that it violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 and agrees to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* to resolve this matter with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background

- In 2020, the committee's treasurer of record, Dean Ledford, had personal health and family matters that kept him from performing treasurer duties.
- In 2020, the committee disbanded and became inactive.
- From 2020 through 2023, Citizens for Marysville Schools was not actively fundraising or participating in election efforts.
- Despite this, Marysville School District (MSD) was sending payroll-deducted contributions to CMS through direct deposit until December 20, 2022.
- Payroll-deducted contributions from 2020 through 2022 from MSD to CMS totaled \$16,237.06.
- In 2022, CMS contributed its remaining funds of \$26,900 to Best Schools Marysville, a new committee participating in support of school bonds and levies.
- As of September 2023, CMS had a small balance of \$166. It contributed these funds to Best Schools Marysville to close out the bank account.

The Respondent understands that this will resolve all issues with the PDC regarding their failure to timely file the C-3 and C-4 reports in question.

The Respondent further understands that by signing this SOU, they acknowledge the violations of RCW 42.17A and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waive their right to a hearing in this matter. The Respondent further understands that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC will resolve the issue of the late filed C-3 and C-4 reports.

Dean Ledford
Signature on behalf of Respondent

July 24, 2025
Date Signed

Instructions for options for returning the signed Statement of Understanding can be found on the next page.

Electronic Return Option

Email an electronic copy of the signed SOU to the PDC staff member assigned to your case.

- A photo or scan of the signed SOU is acceptable. Do make sure that all parts of the SOU are within focus and readable.
- To email the signed SOU to the PDC, reply directly to the last email you had with the Compliance Officer and attach the document.
- The PDC must receive the signed SOU no later than **July 14, 2025**.
 - A signed SOU is required for the terms of the agreement to be fulfilled.

OR

Mail or In-Person return Option

- To return the SOU via mail please return the signed Statement of Understanding to one of the addresses below:

Regular mail:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Overnight mail or in-person delivery:

Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way S, STE 206
Olympia, WA 98501-1267

Please Note: All mailed SOUs must bear a postmark date of July 14, 2025, in order to be considered valid.