

Port Angeles School District
School Board School Closure Rationale
November 29, 2006

The Port Angeles School Board selected school closures recommended by the Facilities Efficiency Task Force. A summary of the school board's rationale for selecting the closure of Fairview Elementary School and Roosevelt Middle School included several key points:

- saves enough money to stabilize the district's financial shortfall due to future declining enrollment,
- closes a smaller building (Fairview) rather than a larger building (Hamilton), minimizing the required use of portable classrooms,
- provides greater balance in enrollment across the district, and facilitates a more equitable distribution of elementary educational opportunities within the district,
- preserves to the maximum extent possible educational opportunities for the district's students, and reduces the impact on program and quality staff,
- maintains reasonable east/west neighborhood elementary school balance across the district and shorter bus rides which are deemed preferable at the elementary level,
- utilizes the Stevens campus' spread-out configuration which was felt to be more acceptable for older students than for elementary students, and
- offers flexibility for the long-range facilities committee to do long-range planning work.