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**To:** City of La Center Planning Division  
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**Project/Subject:** La Center Elementary School – Pre-application Meeting Request

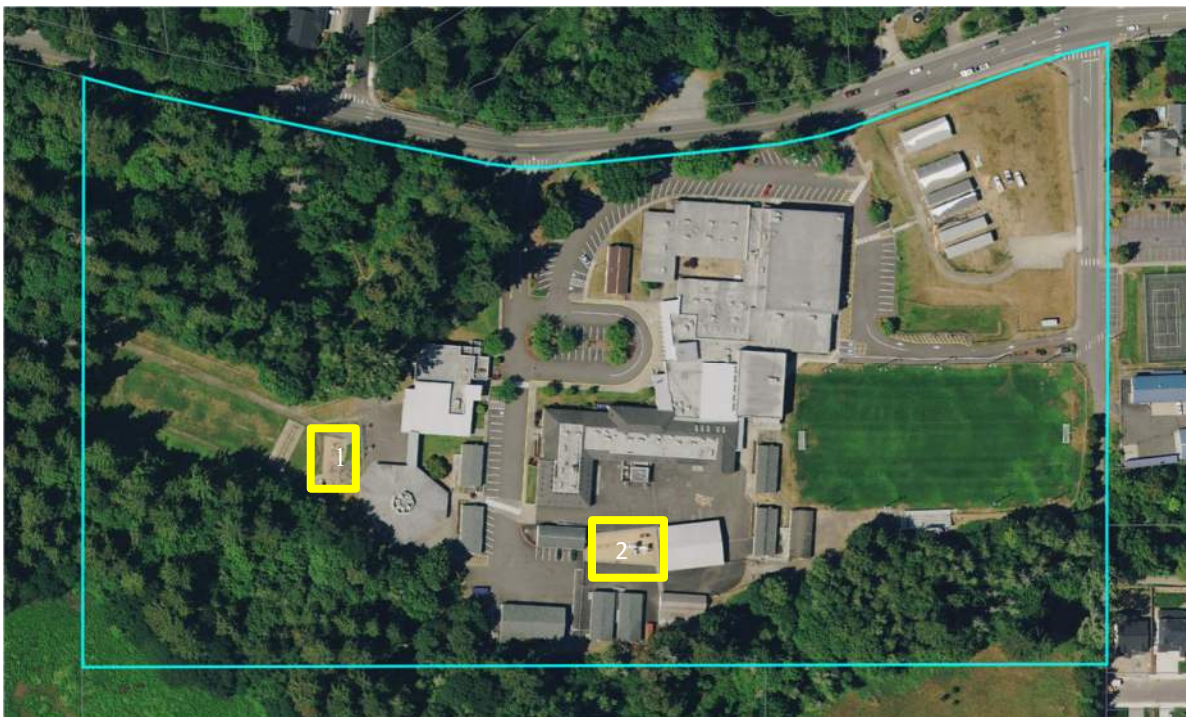
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**Background**

The La Center School District is looking to complete some site improvements to cover the existing play areas at La Center Elementary School located at 700 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The school property is approximately 26 acres. The property has frontage onto and receives access from E 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Proposal**

The district is proposing to cover existing exterior play areas located directly south and west of the existing school. The two areas proposed to be covered are shown in yellow below and ideally, we would be looking to make these improvements this summer. The covered areas would collectively cover approximately 7,965 square feet. Option 1 would consist of a structure covering ~3,840 SF of existing play area and option 2 would consist of a structure covering ~4,125 SF of existing play area. Depending on whether a Type I or Type II review is required, time to permit and project funding, the District may choose to develop either Option 1 or Option 2 or both Option 1 and Option 2.



**Questions:**

1. Could staff please explain the land use process, if any, to cover the play areas and speak to any issues that come to mind related to the proposal?
2. These improvements are intended to provide weather protection to the students on the playgrounds during school, and not intended to accommodate any additional student enrollment or staff. Can staff speak to whether the proposed improvements are exempt from SEPA?
3. Can staff speak to the application fees and typical timing of the land use review?
4. Can staff speak to the accessible access requirements to the covered play?