City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Honorable Bruce A. Harrell, President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98199

May 21, 2019

Dear Council President Harrell:

I am pleased to transmit the attached ordinance authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools on implementation of the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan. As you know, visioning began over a decade ago for Fort Lawton and has included a broad range of stakeholders.

Specifically, the MOA provides Seattle Public Schools the opportunity to participate in implementation of the Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan by pursuing acquisition of 5-6 acres located in the southern portion of the surplus 34-acre site through a public benefit conveyance process and developing the site as multi-purpose athletic fields. All park and recreational property at Fort Lawton owned by the District and Seattle Parks and Recreation will be operated and maintained consistent with the existing Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the District and City. That agreement is up for extension or renewal in October 2019. Funds for acquisition of the site was included in Seattle Public Schools' BEX V levy that was passed by the voters in February 2019. This MOA would operationalize a desire for collaboration with Seattle Public Schools that largely emanated from residents of the Magnolia community.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Alvarado, Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Housing, at (206) 684-3727.

Sincerely,

Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council