

Resolution No. 2003-20

[Council meeting minutes of Sept 15 2003](#)

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, to modify School District boundaries.

WHEREAS, Steilacoom Historical School District #1 has petitioned the Regional Committee on School District Organization to transfer all Clover Park School District #400 properties lying within the City of Dupont to Steilacoom; and

WHEREAS, it is common for cities, including Lakewood and Dupont, to be served by more than one school district; and

WHEREAS, the Steilacoom District has rejected Clover Park's proposals to resolve boundary issues for currently uninhabited property within the City of DuPont; and

WHEREAS, Clover Park Schools provide essential educational and related opportunities to their students and families; and WHEREAS, Clover Park School District has already invested taxpayer dollars in school buildings, a bus fleet and other infrastructure to serve the students from the area proposed for transfer, while Steilacoom has not; and

WHEREAS, the approval of Steilacoom School District's petition would serve to increase tax rates for most citizens of Lakewood and the Clover Park District, while lowering rates for citizens of Dupont and the Steilacoom District; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this proposal is to lower tax rates for jurisdictions with higher income citizens while, increasing them for jurisdictions with lower income citizens, is unfair and inappropriate public policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the Lakewood City Council, on behalf of all children and taxpayers of Lakewood and of the Clover Park School District, asks that the Steilacoom petition be denied.

Section 2. that this Resolution be transmitted to the Clover Park School District to be presented to the Regional Committee on School District Organization.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of September, 2003.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

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