The Historic Hartline School
Hartline, Washington

Grant County Port District #5 and the community of Hartline have joined forces to preserve, rehabilitate, and adaptively reuse the historic Hartline School. Successfully adapting this unique architectural treasure for multiple new uses represents a valuable opportunity for economic development and community revitalization in our economically depressed rural region.

THE VISION: The proposed project encompasses a versatile multiple-use facility, serving as an economic development engine for the community and surrounding region. New clean energy ventures; light manufacturing; tourism services; local government offices; distance learning and community activities; retail, studio and office rentals; ag/history info center — all are potentially feasible future uses after successful rehabilitation. Revenue and funding from many sources will be required for the structural updates necessary to recruit these important new sources of jobs and economic development.

BACKGROUND: The Port of Hartline acquired the historic Hartline School in February 2010 with the widespread support of community members, alumni, preservationists, and economic development advocates. Throughout the last year the Port and the nonprofit HBO collaborated on minor structural, plumbing, and heating system repairs; security system upgrades; and general cleaning. Current work includes upgrades to satisfy the "Change of Use" occupancy requirements. The Hartline School sits on a Port-owned campus adjacent to SR 2 that includes a gym/cafeteria and two sports fields.

January 2010 — Added to National Register of Historic Places.
November 2009 — Listed on Washington Heritage Register.

One of the oldest and best preserved "rural brick schoolhouses" in Grant County, the 1922 Colonial Revival building is a significant example of design by the noted Spokane architectural firm of Frederick Westcott and Howard Gifford.

Since 1922, the Hartline School has played a central role in the life of the community and the surrounding region.

Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of this important asset provide an opportunity to build upon previous public investment while developing a valuable resource for future generations.

REVENUE AND FUND DEVELOPMENT: Planning and development of the revenue and funding strategies are underway. Proposed sources include: revenue from the building's room and equipment rentals; Federal, State, and County matching funds; corporate and individual contributions; tax credit programs; national and regional private foundation awards; various community and nonprofit fundraising events and activities; and additional to-be-researched sources.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: The Hartline Betterment Organization, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and its dedicated committee, the Hartline School Preservation Association, are collaborating with the Port on the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Hartline School. Hartline community members and alumni are volunteering and contributing funds for the project. Residents of nearby communities, adjacent counties, and throughout the state have offered support and assistance. The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation continue to provide invaluable guidance, resources, and referrals.

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