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WASA Statement on Freeman School Shooting

School leaders offer thoughts of concern and support for all impacted

OLYMPIA — Members of the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) today expressed their sorrow and support for the Freeman School District community in the wake of Wednesday’s school shooting.

Bill Keim, WASA executive director, praised the quick actions of Freeman High staff who stepped in and averted additional injuries or casualties.

“It is difficult to find words to ease the pain of what happened Wednesday, and our hearts and thoughts are with the students, staff, families, and greater Freeman community. This is a devastating event, one that will take time to heal and to comprehend,” said Keim. “I also want to echo the praise of Spokane County law enforcement, who cited the work by school staff to respond quickly to this situation. Schools and districts continue to make school safety a priority. The hours of preparation, training, and emergency planning, in collaboration with local law enforcement and other entities, were evident in the response by the Freeman School District and likely averted additional tragedies,” he added.

“As a former school superintendent, my heart aches for all affected by this tragedy. WASA joins with the leaders of 295 districts across the state in support of the entire Freeman community as they continue to work through this profound event.”

About the Washington Association of School Administrators

The Washington Association of School Administrators (<http://www.wasa-oly.org>) is committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful and valuable training, support, and resources to education leaders, and to sustain a positive impact on

legislative and community leaders. With more than 1,600 members, membership is open to all education administrators in central office, building management, and educational agency positions. A not-for-profit organization, WASA is funded by membership dues and association events.

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