

LA CONNER SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 2103
La Conner, WA 98257

OVERVIEW:

The La Conner School District sits at the heart of the La Conner community, located in the northwestern part of Washington State, situated 55 miles north of Seattle and 75 miles south of Vancouver, B.C. Its boundaries include more than 100 square miles of land surrounded by the Skagit River, the Swinomish Channel, and Padilla and Skagit Bays. Serving approximately 700 students in its three schools on a central campus, the school district has benefited from a long history of incredible community support for levies and bonds. Home of the Swinomish Tribe, La Conner School District and the Tribal Community have created cooperative programs to help students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes fundamental to lifelong learning, to achieve personal enrichment, and to become responsible contributing individuals in this rapidly changing and evolving society.

ASSET PROFILE:

The La Conner School District is relatively small and its facilities are clustered on a single campus within the incorporated municipality of La Conner. Estimated 2008 values of buildings and equipment are listed below:

Building Value:	\$20,865,396
Equipment Value:	\$ 1,716,596
Total Value:	\$22,581,992

CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED TRENDS:

The La Conner School District has seen a slow but steady increase in its student population for the past several years; this growth rate is expected to continue throughout the 2008 – 2013 plan cycle.

ESTIMATED RELATIVE THREAT:

The La Conner School District is most vulnerable to the following natural hazards, ranked in order: 1. Severe Storm; 2. Flooding; 3. Earthquake

NOTE: The above-listed ranking matches the ranking performed by the Town of La Conner. Based on the 20/20 scoring matrix and formulas for determining risk rating as described on page 1, Section IV of this plan, the Town of La Conner is most vulnerable to the following natural hazards, ranked in order: 1. Severe Storm; 2. Flooding; 3. Earthquake

RECENT (5-YEAR) NATURAL HAZARD EVENT HISTORY:

During the 2003 – 2008 plan cycle, the La Conner School District has been impacted by natural hazard events as follows:

- *A total of 15 days of missed school due to severe storms/snow events.*
- *A total of 1 day of missed school due to flooding.*
- *There was no damage to District facilities resulting from these events.*

EXISTING APPLICABLE NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION POLICIES, ORDINANCES, AND CODES:

The La Conner School District performs the following in support of disaster mitigation:

- Maintain and update an Emergency Plan for the District.
- Comply with all applicable Fire Codes.
- Monitor severe weather events to determine need for school closure.
- Identify non-structural earthquake hazards and take corrective action, as needed.
- Staff is familiarized and trained to disable heating and ventilation systems to prevent entry of hazardous materials and other substances.

PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES:

In addition to the above-listed mitigation strategies and activities that are currently in place, the La Conner School District proposed the following mitigation measures in 2003. Due to lack of local funding during the 2003 – 2008 plan cycle, these mitigation measures were deferred.

The La Conner School District has determined that these mitigation measures remain valid and are hereby re-affirmed for the 2008 – 2013 plan cycle.

1. To provide for and implement a comprehensive non-structural earthquake mitigation program to secure and stabilize furnishings, equipment, and windows in all buildings and facilities owned by the La Conner School District.

LEAD AGENCY: La Conner School District Superintendent
FUNDING SOURCE: Grant funding
TIME-LINE: Short Term (less than 3 years to complete)

2. To provide for and implement a comprehensive utility safety program to place all above-ground utilities within 300 feet of all school district owned buildings and facilities underground to facilitate emergency egress of students and staff and emergency ingress of emergency response personnel following a damaging earthquake.

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3. Provide for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the La Conner Middle School.

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4. Provide for a storage facility for foods, water and necessary equipment to care for school population for an extended time.

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***FUNDING FOR THESE MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND/OR PROJECTS IS
DEPENDENT UPON THE LA CONNER SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVING FUTURE
FEDERAL AND/OR STATE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING.***