



Everett High School

"School of Champions"

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Dear Q13 Fox:

Everett High School is incredibly saddened to see the allegations that have been made toward our school. We are a school who prides ourselves in our diversity and the successes that have arisen from our many adversities. Our students came to school today to hear complete slander of our school and our good name. As student leaders, it is frustrating and appalling to see the school we love be misrepresented by a slanted claim that is in no way accurate to the true essence of our community.

While your story was intended to encompass a survey taken by Snohomish County's entire student community, it was directed toward Everett High School. We are well aware that our location might give off the connotation that we are a struggling and drug stricken population, in actuality, nothing could be further from the truth. It is unfair to justify an accusation on the grounds of a survey that may or may not have been taken seriously by the wide range of teenagers in the Snohomish County.

We question where the camera crew was as our student body was working diligently and tirelessly to feed over 200 families, stock multiple food banks, and raise over \$15,000 in our annual food drive.

Where was the media when our students were choosing to donate blood in order to save over 200 lives? Where were the reporters while we were hosting our Soar Above, the Influence anti-drug week when countless students displayed their "anti-drug" pledges on the walls of our beloved main building. Where will Q13 Fox news be as we sponsor a child's wish for the Make a Wish Foundation this May?

While the student body has done an outstanding job of giving back to the community and the school, the school has also done commendably well at giving back to us. Administration takes great care and concern in the safety and well-being of each and every one of us. Our campus is in fact an 'open' campus, giving juniors and seniors the ability to leave for lunch; however, Everett High has gone to great lengths to keep order and sanction student responsibility during this time.

We are immensely unnerved to be accused of abusing Heroin and Cocaine on and off campus. We wish we didn't have to defend the honor and credibility of our school, however we will do so with fervor and pride. We are an incredible, capable and diverse group of students and we refuse to stand under the allegations that Q13 Fox has presented.

Respectfully,

Everett ASB Student Leaders