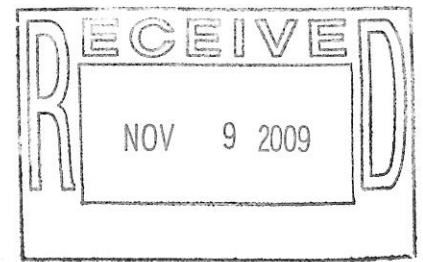




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November 5, 2009

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Dear Chief Fields,

I am writing to thank you and your firefighters who responded to assist us in combating the Whatcom Middle School fire. As you know, three alarm fires are dangerous and rare events. However, in no small part due to your cooperation and assistance we limited damage to the greatest possible extent and everyone went home safe. It is gratifying to know that we can rely on your agency to work in concert with us in such a professional and safe manner on complex emergencies.

Please pass along my thanks to the rest of your staff who responded. We certainly stand ready to assist your agency if such an overwhelming event happens in your jurisdiction.

Yours in Service,

Fire Chief  
BELLINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT