FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

April 6, 2026

Dr Rachel Solemsaas
President, North Seattle Community College
9600 College Way N
Seattle, WA 98103

Dear Dr. Solemsaas,

On behalf of the YMCA of Greater Seattle (the Y), we are pleased to submit this letter of intent to engage in a collaborative partnership with North Seattle College. Our shared vision centers on fostering a sense of belonging, building community, and advancing student success through the development of a new aquatic center and the operation of the College's wellness and fitness facilities under a shared-use model.

Together, we aim to create an inclusive environment that welcomes all students and community members, strengthens academic and wellness programs, and supports recruitment and retention. We believe that this partnership aligns with both North Seattle College's mission and the YMCA's commitment to equitable access to high-quality health and wellness resources. By addressing the region’s need for accessible aquatic facilities, we can enhance opportunities for connection, engagement, and well-being across campus and the broader North Seattle area.

Intent and Scope of Exploration

We are committed to jointly exploring the feasibility of:

- Design and build of a new aquatic center on the North Seattle College campus that integrates with the existing Roy Flores Wellness Center.
- Operating the combined aquatic and wellness facilities under a shared-use model led by the YMCA of Greater Seattle, prioritizing student access and academic programs while also welcoming community members.
- Establishing governance, finance, and operational frameworks that support the College's academic goals, campus planning, and YMCA long-term sustainability.

Roles and Collaboration

The YMCA will contribute its expertise in aquatics, wellness programming, facility development and operations, and community engagement. North Seattle College will collaborate on academic integration, programmatic needs, and site considerations. Both organizations will work together in good faith, sharing information and perspectives to inform the partnership and ensure alignment with our shared mission of belonging and student success.

Non-Binding Nature

This Letter of Intent is non-binding and aims only to reflect our mutual interest in further conversation and analysis. Neither party is obligated legally or financially at this stage. Any formal commitments will be subject to future agreements and approvals.

YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE
909 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104
P 206 382 5004 F 206 382 7283 seattleymca.org

Next Steps

If this vision resonates with North Seattle College, we look forward to jointly defining a structured feasibility process, including scope, timeline, and decision points, to determine whether to move forward with a formal agreement.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We are excited to explore ways we can work together to foster belonging, build community, and advance student success through a shared aquatic and wellness facility.

Sincerely,

Loria Yeadon
President & CEO
YMCA of Greater Seattle

For North Seattle College

Rachel Solemsaas

Name: Rachel Solemsaas, Ed.D
Title: President, North Seattle College
Date: April 20, 2026