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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Facility Directors
School District Capital Planning Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: High-Performance School Buildings Program: Draft 2018 Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol (WSSP) Available for Stakeholder Comments

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WASHINGTON SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS PROTOCOL UPDATE

State-funded school building projects greater than 5,000 square feet are required by chapter 39.35 RCW – High Performance Public Buildings to comply with high-performance, green building requirements. School districts can use one of two green building protocols, either Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or the Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol (WSSP).

The original version of WSSP was written in 2006 for use only by Washington K–12 schools. It has been updated in 2010 and again in 2015. The WSSP Update Committee, a sub-committee of the School Facilities and Organization Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), has updated the 2015 version. The changes include:

1. Acknowledging the latest advances in building design, including construction materials and methods for healthy schools
2. Converting to Energy Star Portfolio Manager for the 5-year annual reporting format
3. Adding more optional credit choices in most of the categories

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS ARE WELCOME

The draft WSSP 2018 will be posted to the [High-Performance School Buildings Program webpage](#) on the OSPI website. All interested stakeholders are invited to review the draft and provide comments. The comment period is open from April 9 through April 24, 2018. Please send comments to HPSBP@k12.wa.us.

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The WSSP 2018 version is scheduled for release in May 2018. The new version is applicable to:

1. School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) major projects receiving D4 approval after May 2018
2. Other major projects, including skill centers, receiving a direct appropriation or funding through another grant program in a state capital budget after July 1, 2019

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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