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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2018 Private Schools Annual Summer Conference

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is pleased to announce the Private Schools Annual Summer Conference. The conference topic of *Guiding Student Curiosity: Inquiry Based Instruction* will be provided to private school teachers, administrators, and other educational personnel in three two-day sessions of professional development training, for a total of six trainings. These conferences will offer excellent professional development opportunities to our private school educators in Washington.

All of the conferences are funded through the federal Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Quality program. They are complimentary to all educators employed by private schools approved by the Washington State Board of Education. This bulletin provides information regarding conference schedules, content, registration procedures, and flyers for distribution to private school teachers.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS SUMMER CONFERENCE

The ninth annual Private Schools Summer Conference, held at Seattle Pacific University's Center for Professional Education and Gonzaga University's School of Education, will provide educators with equitable participation services in state-level activities designed to improve teacher and principal quality. This is in addition to the services provided to private school educators through their local school districts.

This year's Private Schools Summer Conference will offer three two-day sessions on *Guiding Student Curiosity: Inquiry Based Instruction*. Each session will contain the same content and materials. The conferences will be held as follows:

Date/Time	Topic and Content Information	Location
June 18–19 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	Guiding Student Curiosity: Inquiry Based Instruction	Seattle Pacific University 3307 3rd Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119
June 21–22 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	Guiding Student Curiosity: Inquiry Based Instruction	Gonzaga University 502 E. Boone Avenue Spokane, WA 99258
August 7–8 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	Guiding Student Curiosity: Inquiry Based Instruction	Seattle Pacific University 3307 3rd Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration for the conferences will open on May 1. Registration for both conferences can be found on our Title II, Part A Private Schools website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleIIA/PrivateSchools/Conference.aspx>. **The last day to register for all conference dates will be May 31.** No late registrations will be accepted. Hurry to sign up, conference schedules fill up quickly and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

The U.S. Department of Education does not allow the use of federal funds to provide food and beverages at meetings or professional development training sessions. We encourage all conference participants to plan accordingly.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Should you have any questions, please contact your Private Schools Advisory Committee (PSAC) representative or Pat Smithson, Program Supervisor, at 360-725-6340 or email pat.smithson@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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Attachment: Private Schools Summer Conference Flyer

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