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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Principles
School District Homeless Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School District Homeless Liaison Training

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin is to assist local education agencies (LEAs) in understanding the professional development activities required under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. According to the Act, each state education agency (SEA) is required to provide professional development opportunities for local homeless student liaisons and other school district personnel, to assist the liaison and other personnel in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless children and youths. (Section 722(f)(6)).

Additionally, state and local educational agencies are required to ensure participation by liaisons in professional development and other technical assistance activities as determined appropriate by McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Coordinator at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). (Section 722(g)(J)(iv)).

A variety of professional development activities are available for school district liaisons and other district personnel, including but not limited to, on-site training, conferences, webinars and other options. In addition to participating in their own required professional development, local school district homeless liaisons must ensure that school personnel receive professional development and other support, as outlined in the Act. (Section 722(g)(6)(A)(ix)).

State-level onsite training opportunities are routinely posted on the OSPI Homeless Education Website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/HomelessEd/default.aspx>. Additional training options, such as webinars and conferences can be accessed through our partners at the National Center for

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Homeless Education at <https://nche.ed.gov/resources/> and Schoolhouse Connection at <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/learn/webinars/>.

In an effort to ensure local school district homeless liaisons have fulfilled the professional development requirements found in the McKinney-Vento Act, OSPI has developed an online professional development survey to be completed by each school district homeless liaison. The survey is on the OSPI Homeless Education website at this link:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4544364/Liaison-Training-Survey>

Local school district homeless liaisons are to complete the survey no later than February 15, 2019. Information collected in the online professional development survey will be maintained at OSPI to create a record of professional development participation for all homeless student liaisons in the state, per McKinney-Vento requirements.

Please contact the OSPI Homeless Education Office if you have questions regarding the McKinney-Vento professional development requirements or the completion of the online survey. Call 360-725-6505 or email homelessed@k12.wa.us.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Melinda Dyer, at 360-725-6505 or email melinda.dyer@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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