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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
School Building Principals  
School Transportation Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2019 Student Travel Survey

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## **PURPOSE/ BACKGROUND**

The Washington State Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Health (DOH) are developing a survey, funded and supported by the Washington State Legislature, to improve understanding of how students travel to and from school. The 2019 Student Travel Survey is a follow-up to those conducted in 2014 and 2016, and is planned for April through June. The survey will ask how students travel to and from school and about barriers to walking, biking, or riding the bus.

DOH will recruit approximately 500 schools to participate in the survey. DOH will contact you shortly to notify you which, if any, schools in your district have been selected for participation. Consistent with rules for acquiring directory information, they will be requesting that schools or districts provide a list of phone numbers for the parents or guardians of students in kindergarten through 8th grade. They will provide you a sample letter that can be sent home to parents explaining the survey and encouraging participation.

The survey design methodology requires that parents opt-out, rather than opt-in, in order to ensure a random and representative sample for the state. We also will be sharing information about the survey with school transportation directors, parent teacher associations, the Washington Association of School Administrators, and the Association of Washington School Principals. School districts will receive a summary of the survey findings in winter, 2019. If you would like more information about the 2019 Student Travel Survey please contact Charlotte Claybrooke, DOT, Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

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We hope the results of this survey will improve student transportation and safety. If selected, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) recommends that your district participate in this important Student Travel Survey.

### **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Debbie Lindgren, at 360-725-6325 or email [debbie.lindgren@k12.wa.us](mailto:debbie.lindgren@k12.wa.us). For additional information regarding the 2019 Student Travel Survey, please contact Charlotte Claybrook at 360-705-7302 or email [claybrc@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:claybrc@wsdot.wa.gov). The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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