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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

 Chief School District Administrators

 Middle School Principals

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 Regional Transportation Coordinators

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2021 ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle School and High School Students

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Since 2017, Esri, a leading GIS software vendor, has conducted a national [online mapping competition](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/70cb6f2ba85f4dd183f2e1eb72fc7a86) for middle school (grades 4 – 8) and high school (grades 9 – 12) students. Washington State first participated in 2019. A group of GIS professionals from state and local agencies, higher education, and private industry are part of the state leadership team registered with Esri to work with local schools and submit entries to the competition.

Schools can participate in the competition by forming teams of one or two students who conduct research on a topic geographically focused within Washington State and present the results of their research in an [ArcGIS StoryMap](https://www.esri.com/en-us/arcgis/products/arcgis-storymaps/overview). Each school can submit up to five entries to the state competition. The state leadership team chooses five top entries from each division, middle and high school, to receive a $100 gift card. Likewise, the state team will choose one winner from each division who will advance to Esri’s national competition. Esri will chose one national winner from each division who will be invited to attend Esri’s Education Summit at the 2021 Esri User Conference in San Diego, California.

Interested schools should register with the state team. More information about the Washington State contest and the registration form can be found on the state competition [website](https://arcg.is/1by5W0). Questions can be emailed directly to the state leadership team

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Questions concerning the 2021 ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle School and High School Students may be directed to Bruce O. Schneider, GIS Analyst for Student Transportation, Coordinator for Washington State Competition Leadership Team, at bruce.schneider@k12.wa.us or at 360-725-6126. The agency TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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