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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Transportation Administrators
Regional Transportation Coordinators

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School Bus Inspection Results, 2022–23 School Year

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Division conducts required inspections of all public-school buses owned and operated by school districts, charter, and tribal schools, or operated under a contract to provide student transportation services to a school district. There is a required annual inspection of 100 percent of all school buses (the “summer inspection”) and an additional unannounced inspection conducted on 25 percent of the school buses (the “winter inspection”).

The attached spreadsheet shows the results of this inspection process for all school districts for the 2022–23 school year (SY). The spreadsheet shows the total number of school buses inspected in each fleet and the number of school buses placed out-of-service. The current out-of-service criteria are available at [2019 School Bus and Traffic Safety Education Vehicle Inspection Manual](#).

There are no national requirements for school bus inspection criteria. Washington's out-of-service criteria has been developed over the years in cooperation with the WSP Commercial Vehicle Division, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Regional Transportation Coordinators, and the School Bus Specifications Committee. The out-of-service criteria are those conditions that represent a potential safety hazard in the operation of a school bus.

If you would like additional information regarding the inspection process or detailed results in your district, please contact your regional transportation coordinator.

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Attachment: Form 1 – School Bus Inspection Results 2022–23 SY

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