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BULLETIN NO. 038-24 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
District Attendance & Truancy Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: State Funding for Truancy Supports

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Operating Budget 2023-25 Supplemental Act ([Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5950, Laws of 2024](#)) contains an appropriation of \$1,399,000 for 2023–24 for school districts to support youth who are truant under chapter [28A.225 RCW](#) or at risk of becoming truant, and for costs associated with filing or serving petitions under [RCW 28A.225.030](#).

ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023–24 SCHOOL YEAR

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will maintain similar allocations as the previous school year (2022–23), which were based on average truancy petitions filed in school years 2018 and 2019, with funding retained by OSPI to cover administrative costs.

CHANGES TO PURPOSE OF FUNDING

During the 2021 legislative session, the Legislature expanded the scope of this funding from solely reimbursing school districts for the costs of filing truancy petitions. School districts are

now able to use these funds to support youth that are at risk of becoming truant or youth that are truant.

ALLOCATIONS FOR THE 2024–25 SCHOOL YEAR

OSPI will be providing more information about 2024–25 school year allocations in advance of next school year to enable proactive planning. The change in the allowable uses of the funding necessitates a different methodology of distributing funding to school districts. **As we have stated in previous years (see [Bulletin 035-23](#) and [Bulletin 024-22](#)), funding will no longer be based on the historical number of petitions filed and districts should not plan on receiving the same amount in SY 24-25 as they receive this year.** Allocations will be based on need, in accordance with OSPI's commitment to distributing to funds to school districts and supporting students in a more equitable manner.

HOW TO FIND ALLOCATION DISTRIBUTION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The allocation amounts for each school district can be found at the [Apportionment Attachments webpage](#).

Payments will be shown on 1197 Report, Statement of Apportionment, in revenue account 415806 "TRUANCY ALLOCATION."

The 2023–24 appropriation expires on June 30th; therefore, the money is used for efforts that occur/ed June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024, and will be distributed with June's apportionment payments.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding apportionment, please contact Jackie McDonald, School Apportionment Program Manager, at 360-725-6307 or email jackie.mcdonald@k12.wa.us.

For questions regarding attendance and truancy, please contact Krissy Johnson, Assistant Director of Attendance & Engagement, at 360-972-4354 or email krissy.johnson@k12.wa.us.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

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