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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

 Chief School District Superintendents

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 School District Transportation Administrators

 Regional Transportation Coordinators

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School Transportation Relative Efficiency Ratings

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**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

Associated with the implementation of the Student Transportation Allocation Reporting System (STARS) is the use of the reported data to provide a relative efficiency rating of school district transportation operations. This system was developed in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.160.117 and requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to provide an efficiency review of those districts with relative efficiency ratings less than 90 percent to be performed by the Regional Transportation Coordinators (RTCs), in order to assist school districts in identifying methods of increasing the efficient use of state resources. No later than December 1 of each year, OSPI is required to report to the Washington State Legislature the efficiency ratings, the results of these efficiency reviews and any actions taken by school districts to improve the efficiency of their transportation operations.

Attachment 1 is a listing of each school district’s efficiency rating based on the reported transportation data and expenditures for the 2017–18 school year. The workbook also provides the prior school year ratings on separate worksheets. For each school district, the STARS Efficiency Detail Report is provided online at [Student Transportation](http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation/STARS/default.aspx) under the “STARS Efficiency Ratings” tab. This report shows a list of the efficiency cohort districts and weighting values for each school district with a relative efficiency rating less than 100 percent.

Also available on the same page, under the “Efficiency Ratings” section are copies of the reports the RTCs submitted for their prior efficiency reviews. The overview section of these reports provides a description of the efficiency rating process as well as other information that will assist any school district in the evaluation of their transportation operations.

Contact information for the regional transportation coordinators is provided on the next page:

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**Attachment 1** – School District Transportation Efficiency Ratings

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