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BULLETIN NO. 013-17 SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
Public Charter Schools
Tribal Compact Schools

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: State Reimbursement for 2016–17 Truancy Petitions

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PURPOSE

Attached to this bulletin are Forms SPI 1302C and SPI 1302D. School districts are to use these forms to file preliminary and final claims for funding to help offset costs incurred for petitions filed with juvenile court(s) because of student truancy. Final claims must be received no later than Friday, June 16, 2017. Claims submitted after that date will not be funded.

BACKGROUND

The Operating Budget Appropriations Act (Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2376, Laws of 2016) contains an appropriation of \$1,399,000 for 2016–17 to offset the cost of filing petitions for truant students as provided in RCW 28A.225.030 and 28A.225.035. The 2016–17 appropriation expires on June 30, 2017; therefore, the money is used for claims through May 31, 2017, and must be reported by June 16, 2017, on Form SPI 1302D.

ACTION NEEDED

Submit Forms SPI 1302C and/or SPI 1302D to receive state reimbursement for filing truancy petitions.

Complete Form SPI 1302C to receive funding prior to June. Report the number of petitions for the periods June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016, and September 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017.

If filing additional petitions during the period March 1, 2017, through May 31, 2017, complete Form SPI 1302D after May 31. Include the total number of petitions reported on Form SPI 1302C with the total on Form SPI 1302D. Note that Form SPI 1302C will be treated as the final claim if a Form SPI 1302D is not filed.

Report 1302C is optional. If the district desires to wait until June to receive funding, complete Form SPI 1302D after May 31. Report the number of petitions for the periods June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016, and September 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.

COUNTING PETITIONS

A cause number must be assigned before a district can report a petition as being filed. Report one petition on Forms SPI 1302C and 1302D when filing one or more petitions with a juvenile court on the same student under the same cause number. When the district does contempt filings, progress reports, motions, and other such actions on one cause number, it is reported as one petition. Generally, once a petition is filed it applies to the entire school year even if the student transfers to another school building or school district. If the student transfers to another school district and the second school district does a contempt filing or some other filing under the same cause number, the second school district should not report a petition if the original school district has reported a petition as being filed under that cause number.

In some circumstances, a second cause number may be assigned because a separate incidence of truancy may occur or a filing with a second court becomes necessary. When that happens, the district may report two petitions if the second filing of petition(s) has resulted in a separate (different) cause number. In cases where a student transfers to a school district in another county, a second cause number may be assigned if the new school district files a petition because of truancy. Also, if a filing with one court results in a cause number being assigned but the court declines to act, this causes the district to file a petition with a second court that assigns a different cause number, report two petitions. If the court transfers the petition to a second court and the district is not required to file a second petition, report one petition even if two cause numbers are involved.

FUNDING

The rate of funding for 2016–17 is unknown at this time since the number of filed truancy petitions is unknown. A preliminary rate will be established in March and will be adjusted in June when the total number of filed truancy petitions is known. The rate will probably be close to \$130.

The final payment in June will include adjustments to the rate used on preliminary payments.

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

Funding for truancy petitions filed after May 31 for the 2016–17 school year are to be reported with the 2017–18 school year claim.

When and Where to File Form SPI 1302C

To file a preliminary claim for funding for the 2016–17 school year, districts need to fax or mail Form SPI 1302C to School Apportionment and Financial Services by the following dates:

To receive funding in March, Form SPI 1302C must be received by Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

To receive funding in April, Form SPI 1302C must be received by Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

When and Where to File Form SPI 1302D

To file a final claim for funding for the 2016–17 school year, districts need to fax or mail Form SPI 1302D in time to be received by School Apportionment and Financial Services no later than Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Claims submitted after that date will not be funded. The entire allotment is disbursed based on the number of claims submitted as of June 20, 2017.

Submit Forms SPI 1302C and/or SPI 1302D to:

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
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Olympia, WA 98504-7200
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INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Melissa Jarmon, School Apportionment and Financial Services, at 360-725-6307 or email melissa.jarmon@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This bulletin is also available on OSPI's website at
<http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017.aspx>.

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Attachment 1: Form SPI 1302C

Attachment 2: Form SPI 1302D

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