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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
Chief School District Administrators
Computer Science Administrators
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: 2019 ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle School and High School Students

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PURPOSE/ BACKGROUND

For the previous two school years, Esri, a leading GIS software vendor, has conducted a national online mapping competition for middle school (grades 4 – 8) and high school (grades 9 – 12) students. Until now, Washington state has not provided entries for the competition. A group of GIS professionals from state and local agencies, higher education, and private industry have formed a state leadership team and registered with Esri to work with local schools to 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 the form of a story map or web mapping application. Each school can submit up to five entries to the state competition. The state leadership team will choose 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 choose one national winner from each division who will be invited to attend Esri's Education Summit at the 2019 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](#). Questions can be emailed directly to the [state leadership team](#).

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INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Questions concerning 2019 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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