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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
Private School Administrators

FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Private Schools Annual Summer Conference

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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is pleased to announce the Private Schools Annual Summer Conference. The conference topic of *Connecting Brain Research to Classroom Practices* shall be provided to private school teachers, administrators, and other educational personnel in three (3) two-day sessions of professional development training, for a total of six (6) trainings. These conferences will offer excellent professional development opportunities to our private school educators in Washington.

Both conferences are funded through the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Quality program. These conferences are complimentary to all educators employed by private schools approved by the State Board of Education. This memorandum provides information regarding conference schedules, content, registration procedures, and flyers for distribution to private school teachers.

Private Schools Summer Conference

The sixth annual Private Schools Summer Conference, in partnership with Seattle Pacific University's Center for Professional Education and Gonzaga University's School of Education, will provide educators with equitable participation services in state-level activities designed to improve teacher and principal quality. This is in addition to the services provided to private school educators through their local school districts.

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This year's Private Schools Summer Conference will offer three (3) two-day sessions on ***Connecting Brain Research to Classroom Practices***. Each session will contain the same content and materials. The conferences will be held as follows:

Date/Time	Topic and Content Information	Location
June 22-23, 2015 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	<i>Connecting Brain Research to Classroom Practices</i>	Seattle Pacific University 3307 3 rd Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119
June 25-26, 2015 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	<i>Connecting Brain Research to Classroom Practices</i>	Gonzaga University 502 E Boone Avenue Spokane, WA 99258
August 12-13, 2015 9 a.m.-4 p.m.	<i>Connecting Brain Research to Classroom Practices</i>	Seattle Pacific University 3307 3 rd Avenue West Seattle, WA 98119

Registration Process

Registration for the conferences will open on May 4, 2015. Registration for both conferences can be found on our Title II, Part A Private Schools website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleII/PrivateSchools/Conference.aspx>. **The last day to register for all conference dates will be June 8, 2015.** No late registrations will be accepted. Hurry to sign-up, conference schedules fill up quickly and registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Conference Meals

As of 2012, the Title II, Part A Office at the U.S. Department of Education no longer allows the use of federal funds to provide food and beverages at meetings or professional development training sessions. We encourage all conference participants to be aware of these changes and to plan accordingly.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Private Schools Advisory Committee (PSAC) representative or Pat Smithson, Program Supervisor, Title II, Part A and Special Programs at (360) 725-6340 or email pat.smithson@k12.wa.us.

For registration questions, please contact Kim Bahrenburg, Administrative Assistant, Title II, Part A and Special Programs at (360) 725-6361 or email kim.bahrenburg@k12.wa.us. The agency TTY number is (360) 664-3631.

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Attachment: Private Schools Summer Conference Flyer

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