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MEMORANDUM NO. 057-15M SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Assistant Superintendents
School Business Managers
School District Facility Construction Managers
School Maintenance Operations Directors

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

RE: K–3 Classroom Size Reduction (CSR) Grant Applications & K-20 Training Opportunity.

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The iGrants application period for K–3 CSR grants is open now through December 1.

A K–20 videoconference is scheduled for October 16 from 9:00–10:30 a.m. Contact Kim Beaulieu at kim.beaulieu@k12.wa.us or 360-725-4953 to sign up for this important training session.

The 2015 Legislature passed SSB 6080 as part of the 2015–17 Capital Budget, offering a pilot competitive grant program with funding assistance to add classrooms to help achieve K–3 class size objectives for the 2017–18 school year, as enumerated in RCW 28A.150.260 and RCW 28A.150.315. Grants for construction projects will be made available for districts that demonstrate the greatest need, based on: classroom availability, student-teacher ratio, poverty based on CEDARS data, and ability to raise capital funds in the past ten years.

Refer to our [K–3 Class Size Reduction Grants](#) webpage for additional information, tutorials, and FAQs.

Districts will initiate the grant application by completing two steps.

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Step One: The district must certify a count of all classrooms and the use of classrooms and other teaching spaces in the district. To do this, the district must have access to the following OSPI/EDS web-based application Information and Condition of Schools

Step Two: Next, beginning October 1 through December 1, 2015, districts will submit an application in OSPI iGrants system through Form Package 746.

Note that districts may still submit an iGrants application even if WSU-EE has not yet validated classroom data.

Grant awards are expected no earlier than March 1, 2016. If awarded grant funding, the district must certify they have secured local matching funds prior to March 1, 2016.

Important dates and resources include:

- **Timeframe for districts to complete classroom certification in ICOS:**
now through December 1.
- **Timeframe for districts to submit an iGrants application:**
now through December 1.
- **Timeframe for WSU-EE Validations:** Validations will occur following the district classroom certification in ICOS until the awarding of grants expected next spring (no earlier than March 1, 2016).

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