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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
Chief School District Administrators
Elementary School Principals
School Safety Patrol Coordinators
Transportation Administrators
Regional Transportation Coordinators

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

RE: School Bus Safety Week, October 17–21, 2016
School Zone Grants for Crossing Guard Equipment

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This year's National School Bus Safety Week is October 17–21, 2016. Established in 1966 by the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT), the National Association for State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS), and the National School Transportation Association (NSTA), this important event is intended to call attention to school bus safety and promote school bus transportation. This year's theme is: "**Bully Free Zone**"

Washington State is known nationwide for its outstanding Pupil Transportation program, and almost half of Washington's public school students ride school buses to and from school every day. Across Washington State, school district transportation departments ensure students arrive at school safe and ready to learn. Because of this dedication by transportation departments and the 10,900 authorized school bus drivers, Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed October 17–21, 2016, as "School Bus Safety Week" in Washington State. An electronic copy of the governor's proclamation is attached to this memorandum.

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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction encourages districts to plan events and work with local media to promote school bus safety week. It is an opportune time to focus on the safety record of school buses, as well as educate the motoring public in safely and legally sharing the road with school buses. Media resources and suggested activities can be found on NAPT's website (www.napt.org).

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission School Zone Grants for crossing-guard equipment is now open for state fiscal year 2017. If your school did not receive a crossing guard equipment grant (up to \$300) during state fiscal year 2016, your school is eligible to apply for a grant at this time. To learn how to apply, visit <http://wtsc.wa.gov/grants/mini-grants-up-to-300/>.

Questions concerning the \$300 School Zone Grant Program may be directed to Kathy Droke, School Zone Grants Manager, at schoolzone@wtsc.wa.gov.

Questions concerning school bus safety week may be directed to Kim Kimbler, Administrative Program Specialist, at kim.kimbler@k12.wa.us or at 360-725-6123. The agency TTY number is 360-664-3631.

This information is also available at www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/ on the agency website.

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Attachment 1 – School Bus Safety Week Proclamation

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