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Dear Washington Citizens:

Washington state is pleased to offer its DRAFT ESSA Consolidated Plan for your consideration.

The Plan describes how the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be implemented. It is based on more than a year of work, with dozens of educators providing excellent critical feedback and hundreds of insightful comments and suggestions from the public.

With this final release, we are asking for your input one more time – as well as input from people who have not yet had a chance to comment.

In November, we opened our first public comment period. We've addressed and incorporated many of the comments where they were consistent with ESSA requirements, data availability, and our direction for greater student achievement and meeting the needs of our most historically underserved students. Note that some sections of the Plan are highlighted. The highlights represent changes to the Plan.

This final public comment period starts August 7, 2017 and ends September 5, 2017. After 10 days of public comment, the Plan will be sent to the Governor with all public comments collected. We will then review the comments for consideration to be included in the Plan. On September 18, 2017, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will submit the Plan to the U.S. Department of Education.

I want to thank everyone who worked on the Plan, from the experts who worked in 13 workgroups to those who provided comments during the public comment period to those who provided comments during OSPI's regional forums or our public webinars. All of you have made this the best state Plan possible.

There will be many opportunities over the next few years to review the Plan and make changes as we improve our efforts, our data collection, and understanding of the key variables that contribute to greater student success. As we have done in this effort, we will actively engage students, educators, parents, and community members in future revisions.

Finally, I want to thank the OSPI staff for their unwavering enthusiasm and passion in crafting this Plan. Everyone who worked on it should be proud. This is truly a blueprint: It will guide public education for a decade, and maybe more. And it will ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to succeed.

Sincerely,

Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction