



REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

UPDATE: Innovation in Supplemental Contracts

2016

Authorizing legislation: RCW 28A.400.200

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School Apportionment and Financial Services

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Background

In 2010, legislation was introduced which required school districts to separately report salary expense that was for the implementation of specific measurable innovative activities, including professional development specified by school districts to:

- (a) close one or more achievement gaps,
- (b) focus on development of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities, or
- (c) provide arts education.

Beginning in September 2011, school districts are required to annually provide a brief description of the innovative activities included in any supplemental contract to OSPI.

As a result of the above mentioned legislation, beginning with the 2011-12 school year, S-275 reporting instructions included a means through which districts were to report the portion of supplemental salaries that could be attributed to the implementation of specific measurable innovative activities.

Update Status

Final S-275 data from the 2015-16 school year shows a statewide total of \$62,641 attributed to innovative supplemental salaries. These expenditures were reported by the Mount Adams School District as salary for one (1) employee. The employee served as a community liaison for the school district, with the goal of increasing student engagement and achievement. As such, part of her role included the administering of social services grants including funds targeting Drug Free Communities.

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