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## ADDENDUM TO BULLETIN NO. 030-18 SPECIAL EDUCATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
Educational Service District Special Education Directors  
School District Special Education Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Timeline Changes in the Calculation of Significant Disproportionality, Under IDEA

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### PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2017, the U.S. Department of Education postponed the implementation date for the significant disproportionality regulations (December 2016) from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020. This decision provided the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with the timeline information to implement the updated significant disproportionality calculation mentioned in Bulletin 090-18, sent on April 19, 2018.

Washington will continue efforts to promote equity for students who receive special education services and began implementation of the revised significant disproportionality calculations on July 1, 2018 in the following manner:

Significant disproportionality data using both current and new calculations were provided to school districts and will be publicly posted during the 2018–19 school year. Information will continue to be provided to Educational Service Districts (ESD) and school districts through OSPI newsletters and ESD meetings with superintendents and special education directors, as well as on the [OSPI web page](#). Specific technical assistance will be provided at the ESD or school district levels upon request. Significant disproportionality designations for the 2018–19 school year will be based on the current weighted-risk ration (WRR) methodology and the full implementation of the new methodology is planned for the 2019–20 school year.

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**INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

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