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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
Educational Associations
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
School District Facilities Managers
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Program: Applications Available

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GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is announcing that applications are open for the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Program.

The U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Green Ribbon Schools Program is a comprehensive program that recognizes schools and districts that have made significant achievements towards:

- Reducing the school/district's environmental footprint
- Creating a healthy community for students and staff
- Increasing environmental and sustainability literacy

Schools and districts will be evaluated based on their progress towards these concepts and a wide variety of green benchmarks including energy conservation and efficiency, food that is locally sourced and sustainable, and curriculum that ensures all students are environmentally and sustainability literate.

ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION, NOMINATION, AND AWARD

Schools and districts that wish to be considered must complete the Washington State Green Ribbon Schools or District Application. All public and private schools and public school districts are eligible to apply. Completed applications will be reviewed by a statewide selection

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committee. Up to five school or district nominees may be selected as state finalists. State finalists will be asked to provide some additional information to be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration. The U.S. Department of Education will announce national award recipients in spring 2019. Award recipients in Washington are offered a cash prize provided by our local sponsor, California Casualty.

Washington applications are due December 15, 2018.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding the program, including a link to the online application forms, a guidelines document, and information about selection, please visit our website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/EducationAwards/GreenRibbon> or please contact Rochelle Gandour Rood at 360-725-4976 or rochelle.gandourrood@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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