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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents

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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Promotional Materials for Americans of Chinese Descent History Month

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is pleased to announce the creation of promotional materials to recognize and commemorate RCW 43.117.130, which names January of each year as Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month. Public schools are encouraged to designate time in January for appropriate activities in commemoration of the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Chinese Americans and Americans of Chinese descent. These materials are free to all districts and available on the Open Educational Resources (OER) Commons website. To access the promotional posters, please visit the OER website.

The promotional posters highlight the lives of five influential Washingtonians of Chinese Descent, including Chun Chin Hock, Governor Gary Locke, Denise Louie, Wong Tsu, and Amy Yee. These men and women have had influence in different spheres from business to childcare to athletics and an impact on the national stage. Chinese American illustrator Erin Wallace brings them to life in vibrant colors with an invitation for students and educators to learn more. These posters can be adapted to include district or school logo and may be reproduced in 11x17 or 24x26 prints.

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The OER site also provides alignment to the Washington Social Studies Standards across multiple grade levels. We hope districts will take advantage of these materials to support additional learning and celebration of Chinese American culture.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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