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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: School Seismic Safety Grant Program

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The 2022 Washington State Legislature recently passed [Substitute Senate Bill 5933](#) into law, establishing a new School Seismic Safety Grant Program for school districts.

The program will provide planning and construction funding for school districts and state-tribal education compact schools located in high seismic areas and a Tsunami Design Zone (TDZ) as defined by the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Under the program, school districts will be eligible to receive grant funds to relocate school buildings outside of a TDZ, perform needed seismic retrofit installations, and construct tsunami vertical evacuation towers.

The first phase of this project will focus on coastal schools with high seismic and tsunami risks. Following the work on the coast, the agency will continue working inland to ensure that all eligible schools have the opportunity to receive a school seismic safety grant to perform needed seismic retrofit installations.

OSPI will contact eligible school districts beginning with coastal districts when funding is available.

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