2012–13 SAFETY NET SURVEY APPENDIX A

2012–13 Safety Net Award Results

In 2012–13, the state Safety Net committee approved one hundred and six (106) districts for Safety Net awards. The committee awarded 1,865 high need individual student applications and six community impact applications for a total of $31,333,668 (see Table 1). State-sponsored Safety Net training was provided to approximately 162 school district and educational service district (ESD) staff in nine ESDs prior to the initial 2012–13 submission dates.

Table 1:

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<th>Total Award Amounts</th>
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*Includes High Need Individual Student and Community Impact applications.

Survey Demographics

The survey was sent to superintendents, special education directors, and business managers of applicant districts. The survey included ten specific questions related to the Safety Net process and an opportunity for comments and suggestions to improve process. A total of eighty-six (86) respondents completed the survey, and thirty-nine (39) comments were received.

Of the 86 respondents:

- 61.63 percent identified themselves as special education administrators;
- 11.63 percent indicated they were the district superintendent or assistant superintendent;
- 23.26 percent stated they were the district business manager or business services administrator; and,
- 3.49 percent stated they were administrative support.
The percentage of respondents for each of the nine ESDs was as follows: ESD 101 (Spokane) 9.30 percent, ESD 105 (Yakima) 1.16 percent, ESD 112 (Vancouver) 8.14 percent, ESD 113 (Olympia) 10.47 percent, ESD 114 (Bremerton) 8.14 percent, ESD 121 (Seattle-Tacoma) 25.58 percent, ESD 123 (Tri-Cities) 3.49 percent, ESD 171 (Wenatchee) 6.98 percent, and ESD 189 (Anacortes) 26.74 percent.

**Survey Results**

1. The 2012–13 Safety Net Bulletin, which outlined the process changes, application criteria, and submission deadlines, was clear.

Ninety-six (96) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the 2012–13 Safety Net Bulletin was clear. This percent has increased from the survey results for 2011–12, which indicated that ninety-two (92) percent of the respondents either agreed or somewhat agreed.
2. OSPI-sponsored training for the 2012–13 Safety Net process was helpful.

Eighty-nine (89) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the OSPI-sponsored training was helpful. This percent has dropped slightly from the survey results for 2011–12, when ninety (90) percent agreed or somewhat agreed. It is important to note that there are numerous Safety Net training opportunities available to districts that are not sponsored or endorsed by OSPI. This question is only intended to evaluate OSPI-sponsored trainings.

3. The Safety Net Web site includes information that is helpful to my district in the Safety Net application process.

Ninety-two (92) percent of respondents either agree or somewhat agree that information provided on the OSPI Safety Net Web site was helpful to them in the application process. This percentage is down slightly from 2011–12 in which ninety-five (95) percent either agreed or somewhat agreed.
4. OSPI staff members are helpful to my district in the Safety Net application process.

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Ninety-four (94) percent of respondents either agree or somewhat agree that OSPI staff members are helpful to their district in the Safety Net application process. This percentage is similar to the 2011–12, 2010–11, and 2009–10 results, which exceeded ninety (90) percent in each year.
5. The Safety Net committee members are representative of districts in our state and carefully consider the district requests for Safety Net funding.

Eighty-seven (87) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the Safety Net committee members are representative of districts in the state and carefully consider the district requests for Safety Net funding. This percentage has increased from 2011–12 in which eighty-three (83) percent agreed or somewhat agreed. During 2012–13, there were 21 voting members of the Safety Net committee. Of this number, 10 were local directors of special education, one was an ESD finance director, four were local district business managers or district finance directors, five were either current or former district administrators and one was a district life skills coordinator. The committee also includes two non-voting members from the State Auditor’s Office. The state director of special education serves as an ex officio, non-voting committee member and acts as the committee manager.
6. Although I may not always agree with the results, I was informed why my Safety Net applications were/were not funded.

Ninety-three (93) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that they were informed why their Safety Net applications were/were not funded. This percentage is up slightly with results from 2011–12, at which time ninety-one (91) percent either agreed or somewhat agreed.

7. The IEP Review Form was a helpful tool in submitting the Safety Net applications.

Ninety-five (95) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the IEP Review Form was a helpful tool in submitting Safety Net applications. This percentage is down slightly from 2011–12, when ninety-six (96) percent either agreed or somewhat agreed.
8. My district’s IEPs have improved as a result of the Safety Net process. 

Eighty-four (84) percent of the respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the district’s IEPs have improved as a result of the Safety Net process. This percentage has decreased from 2011–12 in which eighty-seven (87) percent either agreed or somewhat agreed with this statement.

9. Although I may not always agree with the results, I believe the Safety Net standards are uniformly applied to all districts. 

Eighty-six (86) percent of the respondents agree or somewhat agree that the Safety Net process is fair and that the standards are uniformly applied to all districts. This percentage has increased significantly from the 2011–12 results in which seventy-seven (77) percent agreed or somewhat agreed with this statement. There is considerable variability in and among the districts that apply for Safety Net funding. For example, of the 109 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that applied for Safety Net funding in 2012–13, five were non-high districts, 32 were districts with total enrollments of less than 2,000, 76 were districts with greater than 2,000 students, and one was an Educational Service Agency (ESA).
10. Being able to resubmit an application that has been previously rejected for reasons specified by the Safety Net committee is helpful to me.

This question was eliminated in the 2011–12 survey because the question was no longer relevant. Districts could not resubmit an application that had been previously rejected in the 2012–13 Safety Net cycle.

11. Being able to electronically submit my Safety Net application will be helpful to me.

Eighty (80) percent of all respondents agree or somewhat agree that being able to electronically submit their Safety Net applications is helpful. This percentage has declined slightly from 2011–12, in which eighty-one (81) percent agreed or somewhat agreed that electronic Safety Net submission would be helpful.