Implementation of the New Student Transportation Funding System

Summary
The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to provide the Washington State Legislature with quarterly updates on the progress of the implementation of the new student transportation funding system referred to as STARS (Student Transportation Allocation Reporting System). Prior status reports are available on OSPI’s website at: http://www.k12.wa.us/LegisGov/Reports.aspx.

Background
The 2010 Washington State Legislature passed Substitute House Bill 2776, which set the implementation date for STARS as September 1, 2011. The General Instructions for Data Collection and the Detailed Guidance for Data Collection are available on the OSPI website, under “STARS Reference Material” at: http://www.k12.wa.us/transportation/STARS/default.aspx. The STARS system requires school districts to submit three reports per school year with the first due at the end of October, the second due February 1 and the third due May 1. The results of the reports are available on OSPI’s website on the STARS page referenced above, under “Quarterly Reports.”

Status Update
OSPI and the regional transportation coordinators provided training opportunities for all districts in the STARS reporting requirements in advance of the fall report due on October 31, and are continuing to review the submitted data.

For More Information
For more information regarding STARS, please see the STARS website (link shown above) or contact Glenn Gorton, Student Transportation Program Supervisor, at (360) 725-6120 or glenn.gorton@k12.wa.us.

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