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BULLETIN NO. 002-20 Student Engagement and Support

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
School District Foster Care Liaisons

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Education of Children and Youth in Foster Care: Renewal of School District Regional Education Agreement (REA) with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

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### PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Regional Education Agreement (REA) was developed by the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to help Local Education Agencies (LEAs) meet compliance mandates under the [Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#) (ESEA). ESEA Section 1112 requires LEAs to collaborate with child welfare to “develop and implement clear written procedures governing how transportation to maintain children in foster care in their school of origin will be provided.” This REA was approved by our respective Assistant Attorneys General and federal partners to ensure that it meets compliance requirements.

### REGIONAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT WEBSITE

DCYF hosts an REA webpage here: <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-welfare-providers/rea>. This page maintains a [Master List](#) indicating which districts have completed an REA. It also includes instructions for securing an REA as well as the forms needed to do so.

### RENEWAL OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS

All existing REAs expire on January 31. The new REAs will be valid through January 31, 2023 and are updated to include relevant statutes passed recently by the Washington State Legislature.

1. Complete a [“Contractor Update Form.”](#)
  - Please specify the name and contact information of the “authorized signer.” **This person must have authority to sign district contracts.**

- If the REA should be sent to someone other than the authorized signer, please include that person's name and contact information.
2. Sign, scan, and email the Contractor Update form to Rick Morgan, DCYF Contracts Compliance Officer at [richard.morgan@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:richard.morgan@dcyf.wa.gov).
  3. DCYF will generate a new REA and send it to the authorized signer/contact person. Here's a [sample of the REA](#) you will receive.
  4. Once all signatures are obtained (School District, DCYF Regional Administrator, and DCYF Contracts and Procurement Office), DCYF will send you a copy. **This signed REA will meet the requirement for Consolidated Program Review (CPR) Item 17.2.A—Interagency Agreement.**

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Peggy Carlson, OSPI Foster Care Program Supervisor at 360-725-6505, or email [peggy.carlson@k12.wa.us](mailto:peggy.carlson@k12.wa.us). For questions related to the Contractor Update form or REA, contact your [DCYF Regional Education Lead](#) or [richard.morgan@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:richard.morgan@dcyf.wa.gov) for questions.

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