



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Exhibit K

In consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education understands the following factors influencing the current environment for the approval and release of school districts as Required Action Districts:

- 1) Federal accountability for K-12 public schools has transitioned from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- 2) The State Board of Education has adopted the Washington School Improvement Framework (WSIF) as a replacement to the Washington Achievement Index.
- 3) School Improvement Grants, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the Washington Achievement Index are expired, but are still referenced in RCW 28A.657 as substantial elements in determining Required Action Districts (RAD).
- 4) The Washington State Legislature has not yet amended RCW 28A.657 to reconcile RAD statutes to conform to the new ESSA and the new WSIF.
- 5) The Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), consistent with RCW 28A.657.100(2), is recommending the release of the Marysville, Soap Lake, Tacoma, Wellpinit, and Yakima school districts from required action.
- 6) The SPI is transitioning school supports to target resources on comprehensive schools consistent with mandates of ESSA.

Therefore the SBE is willing to release the Marysville, Soap Lake, Tacoma, Wellpinit, and Yakima school districts from required action with assurances from the SPI that OSPI will work with SBE to meet the following conditions:

- 1) Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary and Wellpinit Elementary will continue to get specific and targeted supports in excess of other schools designated as comprehensive schools under the new WSIF.
- 2) Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary, Wellpinit Elementary, and Washington Middle, in the Yakima School District will undergo ongoing monitoring by the SBE and OSPI under similar conditions and expectations that existed in the RAD accountability system.
- 3) The SBE and OSPI will collaboratively develop legislation, for House and Senate consideration, that conforms the outdated RAD statutes to the necessary changes brought about by ESSA and the new WSIF.