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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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Dear Community Partners,

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is working with the Healthcare Authority (HCA) to once again convene the School-Based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Subcommittee of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group (CYBHWG). We are recruiting membership in the next phase of the group using the survey below.

The School-Based Behavioral Health and Suicide Prevention Subcommittee advises the CYBHWG on creating and maintaining an integrated system of care through a tiered support framework for preschool through twelfth grade school systems defined by the office of the superintendent of public instruction and behavioral health care systems that can:

- Rapidly identify students in need of care and effectively link these students to appropriate services,
- Provide age-appropriate education on behavioral health and other universal supports for social-emotional wellness for all students, and
- Improve both education and behavioral health outcomes for students.

To accomplish these goals:

- We **bring people together** - including youth & family members, school and community behavioral health staff, advocacy, technical support, & other professional staff
- We **share information** – including highlighting promising practices, sharing relevant data and information on system supports, and identifying ongoing gaps in the system
- We **recommend policy** changes – by creating annual recommendations to the CYBHWG for improving school-based behavioral health supports for students and their families

The group will consist of approximately 35 members who are demographically and geographically diverse. *If you previously participated in this subcommittee and wish to be considered for membership again, please respond to the survey using the link below.*

When does the group meet?

The group will meet monthly starting in April. Monthly meetings will be between 1-2 hours. We will choose a consistent time for our meetings based on preferences selected by those that apply. All regular meetings will be conducted via Zoom, however, we may have optional in-person engagement opportunities if there is interest. Meetings will be open to the public. Public

testimony will be taken at each meeting for interested individuals who are not work group members. Anyone who responds to the survey will receive the meeting notices.

Are you or someone you know interested in participating?

If you are interested in being considered as a member, please respond to the survey using this [link](#). We also ask that you share this information with your networks and communities to help us reach members representing the diversity of Washington. **The application survey will close at 5pm pst on Monday, March 11th.**

Compensation for Participation in Meetings

Payment (called a stipend) of \$45/hour to a daily maximum of \$200 is available to members who have experience as a youth or a parent/caregiver in the behavioral health system, if they are not otherwise being paid for their participation. Reimbursement for childcare or elder care is also available.

If you have any questions, please contact Christian Stark, at christian.stark@k12.wa.us.

Sincerely,

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