November 11th, 2019

Dear Transition Services Expert,

You have been identified by state or district personnel as the transition services expert in your school, and we would like to request your input in completing a web-based self-assessment tool that will help us to build a stronger transition system for students with disabilities in Washington. We want your input!

Specifically, we are asking for 20-30 minutes of your time to complete a survey on the availability and accessibility of school-based transition services that align with one or more of the pre-employment transition services that can be provided to potentially eligible students with disabilities by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). The information that is collected in this assessment will be used to identify gaps in services that can be addressed by DVR. Upon your completion of the survey, you will be provided with an instant summary report of your responses that you could use to share with your colleagues and promote discussion, as well as few other resources.

We have defined a transition services expert as a person within a school who has global and informed knowledge about the various transition services that are available to students with disabilities (students on an IEP or 504 plan). If you do not fit this description, please notify the individual who sent you this message and do not complete the tool. If you have been identified as the expert for multiple schools, we ask that you please complete a separate tool entry for each school that you are assigned.

To complete the tool, please navigate your web-browser to the link below:

We ask that you please complete your entry for each school by Friday, November 22nd, 2019.

This invitation is part of a larger initiative to pave the way for collaborative partnerships between DVR and local schools, led by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State University College of Education (WSU COE).

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Sincerely,

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