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Due Date: May 14, 2010  
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### MEMORANDUM NO. 026-10M TEACHING AND LEARNING

**TO:** Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School Building Principals  
K-12 Educators and Teacher Librarians

**FROM:** Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**RE:** Soliciting Applications for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council

**CONTACT:** Kelly Martin, Social Studies/International Education  
(360) 725-6351, [Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us), TTY (360) 664-3631

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

This notice is to provide K-12 teachers and administrators in the state of Washington information regarding the application process and deadline for the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. There are 11 positions to be filled for the 2010-11 school year.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Established by the Washington Legislature in 2005, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is the formal voice for Washington youth in the State Legislature. The 22-member council serves as the linkage between young people and the state government. LYAC is authorized to meet between three and six times per year and, with sufficient funding, is administered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) through a partnership with the Legislature and the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

Participation on LYAC is a unique opportunity for young people to intimately observe and experience the legislative process through an interactive lesson in civic engagement and activism. Rather than learning from a book about how a bill becomes a law, Council members participate in the creation of public policy. To learn more information about LYAC, reference [RCW 28A.300.801](http://leg.wa.gov/RCW/28A/300/801) or visit their Web site at <http://lyac.leg.wa.gov/>.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Members of LYAC must be between the ages of 14 and 18 at time of appointment. LYAC members are from diverse personal, educational, political, socio-economic, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Every member serves a two year term; 11 positions are open for new appointments every year.

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**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Applicants must complete the 2010 LYAC application, which can be found online at <http://www.k12.wa.us/SocialStudies>. Applications must include a signed recommendation form completed by an adult in a supervisory role.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before **Friday, May 14, 2010**.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

Applications may be sent via mail, fax, or e-mail. Submit completed applications to the following:

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Legislative Youth Advisory Council  
Attn: Kelly Martin  
PO Box 47200  
Olympia, WA 98504-7200  
[Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us)  
Fax: (360) 753-1953

Incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

**APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESSES:**

Applications are submitted to the council and reviewed by LYAC members who then recommend candidates to the Office of Lieutenant Governor for final approval and appointment.

All applicants will be notified by mail upon completion of the application review process.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or need further information regarding the LYAC program, please contact Kelly Martin, Social Studies and International Education Program Supervisor, OSPI, at (360) 725-6351 or [Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us](mailto:Kelly.Martin@k12.wa.us). The OSPI TTY number is (360) 753-1953.

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Attachment: 2010-11 LYAC Application