As with any new legislation, there are many regulations still being written and details developed. Keep in mind that this legislation is designed to gather more information for the legislature to make a more informed decision regarding the cost effectiveness of the current health care delivery model. In the meantime, there are some changes, but for the most part it appears that they will have little impact on the Trust and eligible employees. The legislative action requires a significant amount of data reporting by school districts and benefit providers. In 2015, reports will be submitted to the Governor, Legislature and joint committees which must include a review of multiple years of data to determine if it would be more cost effective to have the state provide medical benefits and recommendations for legislative action. Also it is important to remember, while the state examines K-12 health care, we will also experience changes due to the enactment of the federal health care law.

As the implementation of this legislation moves forward, the Trust will continue to keep you apprised of issues that may impact our employees and the Trust.

Sincerely,

Trustees of the Everett School Employee Benefit Trust