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TO: Transportation Entity Supervisors

FROM: Steven Huillet, Director
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RE: Updated School Bus Certificate Expiration Dates

Enclosed you will find new duplicate school bus driver's certificates for some of your school bus drivers. Please make note of the new expiration date, as **THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S CERTIFICATES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THESE DRIVERS IS NO LONGER VALID.**

Due to changes in Federal Rules regarding medical certificates that take effect in 2014, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) recently changed Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-053-0006 to make the school bus driver's certificate expire on the same date as the medical certificate.

This rule change ensures that Oregon school bus driver's will be in line with the new Federal Rules when they take effect on January 30, 2014. The Oregon Department of Transportation, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) will be making changes to their OARs, and state law, beginning January 30, 2012 to begin the phase in period and meet the 2014 deadline. Included in these DMV changes is a new definition of a medical certificate.

School bus driver's certificates issued with an expiration date of July 1, 2012 may not meet these new State requirements for a medical certificate. Because of this, ODE is reissuing school bus driver's certificates that expire on July 1, 2012. The new expiration date should match the expiration date on the driver's medical certificate.

For some drivers, this will mean an extension of their school bus driving privileges, but for many this will reduce their school bus driving privileges. Please track this new expiration date, as your drivers will no longer be able to drive after that date. This change will ensure that Oregon school bus drivers are in compliance with rules and laws that will begin to take effect in 2012.

If the new school bus driver's certificate expiration does not match the medical certificate expiration date, please contact Janice Briggs at (503) 947-5875 or janice.briggs@state.or.us, so that a corrected school bus driver's certificate can be issued.

Please feel free to contact me or any of my staff with questions or concerns regarding these new school bus driver's certificates.

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