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Department	Note of Interest
<p>Assessment & Student Information Robin Munson robin.munson@k12.wa.us 360-725-6334</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Smarter Balanced testing window is Monday, March 7 through Friday, June 10. • All spring 2016 district, school, and classroom assessment resources are being posted to the WCAP Portal at http://wa.portal.airast.org/. • Our state has accepted a Smarter Balanced proposal to conduct State-Managed Item Development this summer. Educators will be notified through OSPI’s English Language Arts Network as soon as the applications are available. • The science team will be holding NGSS Item Cluster Development committees in March. Development is planned for 5th grade, 8th grade, and High School. See the Development Events schedule at http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/ProfDevelopment.aspx. • Monthly Assessment Update webinars are scheduled through May with the next webinar on March 1. To register for an upcoming webinar or to access previously recorded webinars visit http://www.k12.wa.us/TestAdministration/Trainings/default.aspx
<p>Career and College Readiness Ken Emmil ken.emmil@k12.wa.us 360-725-6256</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Course Equivalencies OSPI in accordance with the legislation passed in the 2014 session which amended RCW 28A.230.097, and RCW 28A.700.080, RCW 28A.230.010, developed statewide course equivalencies in Mathematics and Science for 21 CTE courses. The courses were approved for Statewide Equivalency Credit by the State Board of Education in May, 2015. The equivalencies can be found at: http://www.k12.wa.us/CareerTechEd/Clusters/CourseEquivalencies/CTEStatewideCourseEquivalencies.pdf CTE is currently working on additional new equivalencies and plans to have them completed and submitted to the State Board of Education in May of 2016 for final approval. • Perkins Initial reviews have been completed and we are well into the final approval process. The following resource can help you complete the Perkins iGrant Form package and can be found on the OSPI website, on the CTE webpage, under What’s New, entitled Helpful Hints for Completing the Perkins 5-Year Application Plan. The Final Cut Off date for Perkins Applications will be February 29, 2016. No applications will be accepted after the above date. This will allow us to begin the process of finalizing everything and began the reporting process. • CTE Administrative Internship Program The CTE Administrative Internship Program is now closed. Approximately 25 applicants will be selected. The deadline was February 24, 2016 at 9 A.M. for applications to be received at OSPI.

Applications will be screened by March 25, 2016. Final applicants for the program will be notified on or before April 4, 2016.

- ***Upcoming Learning Opportunities***

[National Policy Seminar 2016](#)

February 29–March 2 | Crystal Gateway Marriott | Arlington, VA

[WITEA Spring Conference 2016](#)

March 10– 12 | Wenatchee Convention Center | [Register](#)

[Photography Teacher Workshop 2016](#)

March 15 | Seattle Central College | Seattle | 7 Clock Hours | [Register](#)

[WTSA State Conference 2016](#)

March 31– April 2 | Doubletree | SeaTac | [Register](#)

[Save the Date | GRADS Spring Workshop 2016](#)

April 13–14 | Location TBD

[WAMC Spring In-Service 2016](#)

May 4 | ESD 113 | Tumwater | [Register](#) | May 6 | Spokane CC | Spokane | [Register](#)

[HOSA 39th Annual National Leadership Conference 2016](#)

July 25–29 | Gaylord Opryland Hotel | Nashville, TN

[2016 ASE Industry Education Alliance Instructor Training Conference](#)

June 22–25 | Embassy Suites Hotel | Concord, NC

[WA-ACTE Summer Conference 2016](#)

August 7–10 | [Davenport Grand Hotel](#) | Spokane

	<p><u>Understanding and Accessing Union Apprenticeships</u></p>
<p>Secondary Education and Student Support Dan Newell dan.newell@k12.wa.us 360-725-6175</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 18 NECA-IBEW Training Center Portland, OR <p>21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) http://www.k12.wa.us/21stCenturyLearning/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch for periodic updates on the 21st CCLC homepage. A notice for the 2016–17 Request for Proposals will be available the first week of May, for the 2016–17 competitive federal grant competition. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Schultz at 360-725-6059. <p>Career Guidance & Counseling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a statewide career and college-readiness program model designed to prepare all middle and high school students for their future, students receive support from an advisor and/or counselor with guidance curriculum and tools to develop their personalized pathway based on their <i>High School & Beyond Plan</i>. Recently, 34 middle and high schools from all regions across Washington received the <i>Career Guidance Award of Excellence</i> from OSPI for their exemplary career and college-readiness programs. The list of schools can be found at: http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/CGAwards.aspx. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date: Technical Assistance Summer Institute June 29 Red Lion Hotel, Olympia OSPI and the Washington School Counselor Association (WSCA) are hosting this informative event. Topics will include updates on current legislative impacts, dropout initiatives, graduation requirements, state assessments, dual credit programs, mental health and student support initiatives, evidence-based practices, financial aid information, and more. WSCA will open registration in mid-March. • Save the Date: Reach Higher Washington Convening June 30 Red Lion Hotel, Olympia <i>Reach Higher</i> is First Lady Michelle Obama’s education initiative that encourages students to plan their future by completing education past high school. The focus of this meeting will include exposing students to college and career opportunities, understanding financial aid eligibility that can make college affordability a reality, encouraging academic planning and summer learning opportunities and supporting high school counselors who can help more students get into college. WSCA will open registration in mid-March. • College Signing Day This is a celebration for the students who have achieved the life-changing milestone of committing to postsecondary options. National College Signing Days in February focused on the college draft of promising athletes. OSPI Guidance & Counseling and Washington College Access Network (WCAN) will be leading the effort across the state for Washington’s College Signing Celebrations happening May 2–6. The following are just a few ideas from the United States Department of

Education for how you can celebrate College Signing Day:

- Encourage students to wear t-shirts from the college they plan to attend.
- Challenge teachers, principals, and counselors to wear t-shirts from their alma maters or a local college or university.
- Encourage local businesses to support college efforts by hanging signs and pennants celebrating students.
- Have an assembly with an inspirational speaker and take pictures of the seniors with their college banners and t-shirts.
- Share your activities with the media and your social networks with #ReachHigher.

- **Webinars for High School Counselors**

Next webinar: March 16

Registration information will be sent through OSPI *News and More for School Counselors* listserv. <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAOSPI/subscriber/new>.

Co-hosted by OSPI and the Washington Student Achievement Council, relevant and timely information related to college readiness and financial aid, including specific policy changes and useful tools and resources to help support students are provided. Topics coming soon include Smarter Balanced Assessment and postsecondary placement, Bridge to College transition courses, financial aid award letters, dual credit, career resources and more. Webinars are scheduled monthly, always on a Wednesday. Future webinar dates are scheduled for April 20 and May 18. Archived webinars can be found at <http://readysatgrad.org/WedsWebinars>.

- December 9 – Ready, Set, Grad Demonstration
- January 20 – Financial Aid 101
- February 3 – Minimum College Admission Standards

- **Grant Opportunity, College Spark**

Bridge to College Math and English Language Arts courses are available for seniors who score below the college-ready level on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in 11th grade. Students who pass the course will be considered college-ready by the majority of colleges in Washington and permitted to enroll in college-level math courses without additional placement testing. Specifically, these are fourth-year (senior-level) courses designed for students scoring a Level 2 on the Smarter Balanced 11th grade assessment. Students who earn a “B” or better in the Bridge Course are eligible to enter credit-bearing coursework in any of the state of Washington Community and Technical Colleges. To offer this course in your high school, see iGrant Form Package 719. **Applications are due before close of business Monday, March 28. This is the last opportunity for high schools to apply this year.**

- Information: <http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/BridgetoCollege/default.aspx>
- College Spark: <http://collegespark.org/page/129/Senior+Year+Transition+Course+>

Graduation A Team Effort (Dropout Prevention) www.k12.wa.us/GATE/

- GATE Partnership Advisory Committee Meeting

	<p>March 15 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ESD 113, Tumwater www.k12.wa.us/GATE/AdvisoryMeetings/default.aspx</p> <p>Student Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Student Support Conference – “Whole Education for Whole Children” May 11–13 Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee, WA Register at https://www.escweb.net/wa_ncesd/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=2619101
<p>Special Programs & Federal Accountability Gayle Pauley gaylepauley@k12.wa.us 360-725-6170</p>	<p>Office of Native Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 4–6, 2016: Washington State Indian Education Association Annual Conference; Quinault Beach Resort, Ocean Shores. For questions, contact Joan Banker at 360-725-6160 or joan.banker@k12.wa.us. • Bulletin #006-16–Implementing 2015 Senate Bill 5433 Requirements for Teaching Tribal History, Culture and Government can be found at http://www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/bulletins2016.aspx. • State Superintendent Randy Dorn signed a letter to all district superintendents relating to Native students wearing items of cultural significance such as eagle feathers during graduation ceremonies. For a copy of this letter, please contact Joan Banker at 360-725-6160 or joan.banker@k12.wa.us.
<p>Teaching & Learning Kathe Taylor kathe.taylor@k12.wa.us 360-725-6417</p>	<p>Teaching & Learning produces several e-newsletters that keep our stakeholders apprised of our work and that share what others are doing in education curriculum and instruction. To subscribe to TEACH: http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/News.aspx</p> <p><u>Instructional Materials and Course Supports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge to College English and Math –Applications are through iGrants Form Package 719, and will be accepted through March 28, 2016. : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interested in learning more? Visit the new Bridge to College Web site for communications materials and general information about the courses: http://bridgetocollegecourses.org/ - Currently participating schools and districts: Visit OSPI’s site for the most up-to-date Q&A documents http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/BridgetoCollege/default.aspx <p><u>Common Core</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is your district beginning to explore open educational resources? Send a team to join OSPI Teaching and Learning, Ed Tech, and the OER Project, in rich cross-district discussion about the benefits and challenges. April 19, 8:30 - 3:30 at ESD 101. Click the link below to get details and register a team. https://oersummiteast2016.eventbrite.com

Digital Learning

- **Updated Online Learning Rules!** District-run online school programs no longer need to hold accreditation (through AdvancEd nor AESD) in order to obtain or hold OSPI online provider approval. <http://digitallearning.k12.wa.us/approval/>

The Arts

- **2016 High School Art Show Information Available** - The Superintendent's High School Art Show April 4-June 2, 2016. This annual event is co-hosted by OSPI and the Washington Art Education Association (WAEA). High school students from all nine of the state's educational service districts (ESDs) participate in this artistic celebration each year. If you are a high school art teacher, this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase student artwork. For more information and to view past winning artwork, please go to: <http://www.k12.wa.us/Arts/ArtShow/default.aspx>
- The Washington Art Education Association Awards recognized: •Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year: Jennifer Lundgren, Montlake Elementary (Seattle Public Schools) •Middle Level Art Educator of the Year: Jennifer Heller, Eckstein Middle School (Seattle Public Schools) •Secondary Level Art Educator of the Year: Ed Crossan, Thomas Jefferson High School (Federal Way School District) •Art Educator of the Year: Rick Wigre, Jackson High School (Everett Public Schools) •Washington Distinguished Service Award: Andrea Schweikl, Nautilus K-8 (Federal Way) <http://waea.net/advocacy/award-archives/>
- Arts Opportunities for Students and Teachers Centrum, located in Port Townsend and in partnership with OSPI, gathers young artists, scientists, and teachers together. Artists working in the fields of visual art, writing, theater, movement, and music will provide young artists opportunities to learn new ways of thinking, seeing, and being. Opportunities in 2016 include:
 - Explorations for grades 7-9, March 6-11, a multi-genre exploration in the arts. For more information, please go to: <http://centrum.org/explorations-grades-7-9/>
 - Water World for grades 5-6, April 24-29, a study of the marine environment through the lens of the arts and science. For more information, please go to: <http://centrum.org/water-world-grades-5-6/>
 - Dance This! for grades 9-12, August 7-13, an in-depth opportunity to learn a wide range of dance styles, techniques and choreography for all levels. For more information, please go to: <http://centrum.org/dance-this-grades-9-12/>

World Languages

- World Languages is pleased to announce a Proficiency Rating Tutorial for Custom Tests posted on the World Languages website. <http://www.k12.wa.us/WorldLanguages/SealofBiliteracy.aspx>
 - Teachers and students who view this tutorial will gain a better understanding of the level of proficiency needed to qualify for World Language Competency Credits (See Custom Tests) and the Seal of Biliteracy.
 - This tutorial is available to the national coordinator for Washington's Custom Testing for rater

	<p>training purposes. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdq_aDEfRrg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will also benefit local districts who may need to recruit non-educators of Less Commonly Taught (LCT) Languages to support language and literacy development. <p><u>Health & Physical Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft of the Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards are ready for public review and comment. OSPI invites school staff, content experts, parents, youth and other interested parties to share their thoughts on any part of the standards or grade-level outcomes. To review and comment, go to: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2408503/Health-and-PE-Review <p><u>Sexual Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every two years the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), conducts the Profiles survey. Schools across Washington State are randomly selected to participate in the survey. Selected schools will have received survey packets in mid-February. Completed surveys are due to OSPI by March 21, 2016. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Marla Russo at marla.russo@k12.wa.us or 360.725.6368; the agency TTY number is 360-664-3631. http://www.k12.wa.us/HealthFitness/SchlHealthProfiles.aspx • Complementary on-line subscriptions are still available for the Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH). Each subscription provides access for one teacher or other school staff member. For more information, contact Laurie Dils (laurie.dils@k12.wa.us). http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2289715/Registration-for-Free-FLASH-High-School • Have you found innovative ways to provide HIV prevention education outside of Health classes? We're compiling sample lessons and unit plans to share statewide. Submit yours to Laurie Dils (laurie.dils@k12.wa.us) • Dating Matters is a free, online course from the CDC, available to secondary educators, school personnel and others dedicated to improving teen health and reducing teen dating violence. Follow a school administrator through his day as he highlights what teen dating violence is and how to prevent it through graphic novel scenarios, interactive exercises, and information gathered from leading experts. https://cdc.train.org/DesktopModules/eLearning/CourseDetails/CourseDetailsForm.aspx?tabid=62&courseid=1058601
<p>Office of Student and School Success Michael Merrin Michael.Merrin@k12.wa.us 360-725-4960</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSS Events <u>March Statewide Professional Learning Convening</u>: Will take place on March 16th at Educational Service District (ESD) 105 in Yakima. The targeted audience will be OSSS Success Coaches and ESD Leads from around the state. The “takeaways” from this convening will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Implement coaching moves</i> that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Integrate Academic Language Acquisition strategies. b. Access and use actionable data (e.g., data from Data Dashboard, Online Reporting System, and Perceptual Data Reports)

	<p>c. Address Problems of Practice unique to my school and my Theory of Action.</p> <p>d. Identify practices, structures, and systems essential to sustain improvements in educator practice and student outcomes.</p> <p>2. <i>Describe and engage</i> in next steps for implementing our Regional Improvement Network Plan for 2015–16. Below are the dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSS Newsletter is sent out monthly to stakeholders to keep them apprised of the work that is being done both in office and around districts and schools. Click here to subscribe. • Spring Outreaches hosted by each of the nine Educational Service Districts (ESD) who will provide a day of professional learning to district and building leaders and OSSS Success Coaches. Upcoming dates are provided below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mar 1 ESD 105 ○ Mar 1 ESD 112 ○ Mar 2 ESD 189 ○ Mar 3 ESD 113 ○ Mar 7 ESD 121 ○ Mar 15 ESD 101 ○ Mar 28 ESD 171 ○ Mar 29 ESD 114 ○ Mar 30 ESD 114
<p>Early Learning Bob Butts Bob.butts@k12.wa.us 360-725-0420</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-3 Teacher Supply and Demand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is getting harder to find elementary teachers, according to School Principals ○ OSPI has Teacher and Substitute Shortage Legislation that is moving ○ Information on the shortages is available at: http://www.k12.wa.us/LegisGov/TeacherShortage.aspx • ECEAP Facilities Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DEL has contracted with the BERK Group to develop recommendations for providing additional ECEAP classrooms, including classrooms in schools. Results will be available this summer. ○ A Public Engagement consultant also will be selected to identify projects that are being considered by schools districts and other organizations • Conferences: Save the dates! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WERA P–3 Conference, SeaTac, March 10 Register Now! ○ http://www.wera-web.org/events/ ○ Reading Summit, Spokane, April 29–30 <i>Register Now!</i>

	<p>http://www.k12.wa.us/ELA/pubdocs/SpokaneFlyerOptions.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infant and Early Childhood Conference, Tacoma, May 5–8 ○ Starting Strong, Tacoma, August 1–3
<p>Special Education Doug Gill Doug.gill@k12.wa.us 360-725-6075</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Special Education Update</u>
<p>K–12 Education Gil Mendoza Gil.mendoza@k12.wa.us 360-725-6343</p>	<p>Educator Effectiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional iGrant 664 TPEP teacher training fund and new iGrant 773 TPEP administrator training fund applications due March 28. See Bulletin 038-15 for details.
<p>Superintendent's feedback</p>	