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The science assessment team at OSPI has completed three rounds of item writing and content review with educator work groups for the new state science assessments written to the Next Generation Science Standards. Thank you for your support in promoting these development meetings in your district.

The next opportunity for involvement is the online Next Generation Science High School Field Test. The field test is planned for spring 2017, and is being administered separately from the Biology End-of-Course exam.

Our goal is to have 30,000 high school students participate in the voluntary field test. It is important that the entire student demographic of Washington State is represented.

Any assistance you can provide to spreading the word about this field test opportunity among your network would be greatly appreciated!

Here are a few details about the online field test.

- Test Window: May 1 through June 15, 2017
- Test Length: 50 minutes; one class period; students should complete the field test in one sitting
- The target population is students in **Grade 11**, but students in Grades 10 and 12 can also participate
- Students can pause the test if not done at the end of the time; no need to return and finish.
- Schools can administer the field test to different classes at different times.
- The field test can be given in non-science classes.
- Scores will not be provided, but benefits of participating include:
 - Students will be represented in the information/data used to make crucial decisions about the operational test in 2018 (and beyond).
 - Teachers will be able to see how students react to the technology and to the rigor of the questions even though the teachers can't look at the questions.
 - Students and teachers will be able to experience the test administration steps in a low-pressure situation.

More information (including directions on how teacher, schools, or districts can sign up) can be found in the attached PowerPoint file.

Kara Todd is coordinating communications for the field test. Please contact her if you have any questions.

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Thank you for any assistance you can give.

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