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Department	Note of Interest
<p>Assessment & Student Information Robin Munson robin.munson@k12.wa.us 360-725-6334</p>	<p><u>Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program (WCAP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SBE set the cut-score for Biology COE at 41 points, with a resulting Basic cut at 30; SBE retained the Math Year 1 COE cut-score at 24 (the Basic cut will also remain at its previous value of 21). • WA-AIM, the replacement for the WAAS-Portfolio, will be available for teacher access and use beginning November 1. The assessment window will close April 10. • WELPA has a new coordinator. Margaret Ho stepped down on August 12 as the state's WELPA Coordinator; Kim Hayes accepted the appointment as the new WELPA Coordinator effective August 20. • Grade 10 English Language Arts Exit Exam test specifications are now posted. Follow the link in the What's New box at http://k12.wa.us/Reading/Assessment/default.aspx. • New Mathematics End-of-Course Exit Exam specifications are available at http://k12.wa.us/Mathematics/Resources.aspx. • Developmentally Appropriate Proficiency Exam (DAPE) - Fall: The last administration of DAPE will be in November. Beginning spring 2015, this assessment will be a lower grade-level Smarter Balanced assessment. • HSPE August: HSPE reading and writing will be available in spring of 2015 only for the Classes of 2015 and 2016. <p><u>Smarter Balanced Assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smarter Balanced Digital Library is open for preview. The Digital Library is a robust resource for classroom-based, formative-assessment tools and professional development materials related to the Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced assessments. Teachers interested in previewing the Digital Library should contact their district assessment coordinators or curriculum directors for information on accessing the Digital Library. The preview period will last through September 30. On October 1, the digital library becomes operational. Washington will continue to have access to these resources. More communication is being developed and will go out in mid-September. For more information on the digital library, visit OSPI's website. http://www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/DigitalLibrary.aspx. • Smarter Balanced Online Achievement Level Setting Panel: On behalf of Smarter Balanced, OSPI is seeking a broad array of participants for an Online Panel for setting achievement levels for

	<p>the Smarter Balanced assessments. Panelists will recommend an achievement level score that demonstrates what students should know or be able to do in order to be considered proficient at each grade-level standard and to be on track for eventual college and career readiness. To apply complete the easy four-step <u>registration</u> process by September 19, 2014. Access to the Online Panel registration site is also available through the <u>Smarter Balanced</u> home page and the <u>OSPI Educator Involvement</u> webpage. Interested parties can learn more and register for the Online Panel at <u>www.SmarterBalanced.org/OnlinePanel</u>. Questions about the registration process can be directed to Jennifer Stegman at <u>ctb_smarterbalanced21@ctb.com</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly informational webinars have been scheduled through June for District Assessment Coordinators as we rollout the Digital Library and interim and operational assessments. All district and school staff are welcome to join these hour long sessions. All information will be posted to web. <p><u>Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since July 1, ESD and large-district trainers have trained hundreds of kindergarten teachers who are new and/or returning to implement WaKIDS—thank you! Trainings will continue through September to accommodate late hires. After September 30, no trainings will be held. • iGrants Form Packages 651 (state funding for fixed ESD allocations) and 652 (federal funding for actual expenses incurred for WaKIDS 101 and 201 trainings) were launched earlier this summer. ESDs are encouraged to submit their form packages for approval. • A webinar for District Assessment Coordinators in WaKIDS districts, announced in the August 26 issue of the Washington Assessment Weekly, is scheduled for September 8, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.
<p>Career and College Readiness Kathleen Lopp kathleen.lope@k12.wa.us 360-725-6256</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New course approval due date- New courses to be offered in the 2014-15 school year, second semester, need to be submitted to OSPI by October 15, 2014. • SkillsUSA Washington is proud to introduce Terri Lufkin as our new Executive Director. Terri brings a wealth of non-profit knowledge, skills and abilities to SkillsUSA Washington, including what she terms "An Organization Junkie" work attitude. Her background is rich with YWCA management, community volunteerism, Outreach Director and Program Director experience, and constant involvement with PTA leadership and fundraising. She considers her attention to detail, communication skills, and organizational management as a foundation for her leadership style. Terri resides in Vancouver and is looking forward to growing with SkillsUSA. • Washington State Precision Exams is in the process of developing an exam for the 21st Century Leadership/EmployabilitySkills for Washington's use. There are 12 new course exams being offered this fall and 50 of the existing exams have been updated. • Orthotics-Prosthetics (O&P) Technology Program Students at Spokane Falls Community College gain hands-on experience working with plastic, metal, plaster, leather, and other specialized components to fabricate custom orthotic braces and prosthetic devices. Students also learn to operate hand and power tools and complete course in human anatomy.

<p>Secondary Education and Student Support Dan Newell dan.newell@k12.wa.us 360-725-6175</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Microsoft IT Academy already has 31 schools testing students with 79 total certifications as of September 3, 2014. • Academic Acceleration Grants: RCWs 28A.320.195 and 196 assert the importance of making dual high school and college credit courses available for students, as well as a desire that more be done to promote academic acceleration for all students, including the elimination of barriers, real or perceived. A second round of grants are being offered to encourage high schools to develop a new capacity for dual credit courses by supporting teacher training, curriculum acquisition, technology, examination fees, and other costs associated with offering dual credit courses to high school students. Look for iGrants Package #661, Dual Credit Capacity Expansion Competitive Grants to open on September 11 with a due date of October 13. For more information, contact Mike Hubert, Director of Guidance and Counseling at (360) 725-0415 or email mike.hubert@k12.wa.us. • Career Guidance Washington is designed to prepare all students for their future with support from a school counselor and/or educator/advisors using the curriculum and tools to develop their High School and Beyond Plan. We have refined the program elements, consolidated “best of the best” lessons and rebranded all of the lessons with the foundations of Navigation 101 and it is now called Career Guidance WA (CGW). All guidance classroom lessons and resources are located in the OSPI secondary education section. To gain access to the link for the lessons, go to: http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/default.aspx. OSPI will be offering Fall Regional Workshops for schools seeking guidance on how to use CGW materials, as well as will learn about current information on career and college readiness resources, principal/counselor leadership strategies, High School & Beyond Plan development, and the opportunity for Q & A. Registration can be found at : http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1758622/Career-Guidance-Washington-Nav-101-2014-Fall-Regional-Workshops. All workshops are from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for three clock hours. Counselors, principals, lead teachers, and/or district directors are encouraged to participate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 30 ESD 189 Anacortes ○ October 2 ESD 121 Renton ○ October 10 ESD 112 Vancouver ○ October 16 ESD 114 Bremerton ○ October 20 ESD 123 Pasco ○ October 21 ESD 105 Yakima ○ October 23 ESD 171 Wenatchee ○ November 12 ESD 113 Olympia ○ November 14 ESD 101 Spokane • College-Ready Math Initiative Grants: College Spark Washington is investing significant funding over seven years for the College-Ready Math Initiative to help low-income students graduate from high school with strong math skills and avoid remediation in college. Schools can apply for one or
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both programs. (1) **School-Year Academic Youth Development (SY-AYD)** is a program designed to improve student achievement in STEM courses by helping learners develop a growth mindset, become more engaged and motivated, and develop skills for productive persistence delivered during 8th, 9th, or 10th grade advisory. (2) **Intensified Algebra (IA)** is an algebra program for students who are 1–3 years behind in math using Agile Mind Algebra I course content for eligible students (Grades 8, 9 or 10). The iGrants application will be open from September 16 to October 30.

- **Data:** The U.S. Department of Education requires OSPI to annually report the number of students in each school district who were suspended or expelled in the last year for violence or drugs. Behavior, weapons data, and HIB implementation information have been collected through EDS. They are being vetted in preparation for response to several state and federal reporting requirements. To view the 2012–13 Behavior report go to <http://www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter/Behavior/default.aspx>
- **Graduation a Team Effort (GATE):** GATE is organizing a series of webinars on dropout prevention topics, programs, and strategies beginning September 2014. Goals also include development of a community of learning for those involved in dropout prevention at the district and school level. These workshops are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The September 17th webinar will be focused on effective data practices. For more information please email TeamEffort@k12.wa.us. Sign up for our newsletter!

Upcoming Dropout Prevention Events:

- September 9 [GATE Advisory Committee](#)
 - September 17–18 [Coalescing For Change: Community Based Health Solutions](#)
 - September 25–27 [National Race and Pedagogy Conference](#)
 - September 17 [Dropout Prevention Webinar](#)
 - October 27–28 [Washington Educators Conference](#)
 - October 30–31 [Becca Annual Conference](#)
 - November 3–4 [PBIS Fall Conference](#)
- **ShakeOut:** The 2014 Great Washington ShakeOut is coming on October 16 at 10:16 a.m. The target for this year is 1,000,000 participants. A press release and letter from State Superintendent Dorn is being prepared to go out to schools across the state. Schools and districts will need to register. More information and registration for the ShakeOut can be found at <http://shakeout.org/washington/>
 - **School Safety Advisory Committee (SSAC):** The SSAC has begun its 2014–15 meetings. The Committee, Chaired by Franklin Pierce Superintendent Frank Hewins, has a full agenda for the year. Information on the SSAC can be found at <http://www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter/AdvisoryMeetings.aspx>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Healthiest Next Generation? The Healthiest Next Generation is a priority of Governor Inslee to improve children's health. It includes creating multidisciplinary strategic work groups focused on K–12 schools, health, and early learning environments. As part of the Initiative, a cross-agency team has been formed between the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Department of Health (DOH), and Department of Early Learning (DEL). Together, they are working to identify programs in schools, communities, and early learning centers which have demonstrated success in promoting healthy weights in children through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ increased physical activity ○ increased access to healthy foods ○ increased access to drinking water ○ breastfeeding-friendly environments • The goal is to help our children maintain a healthy weight; enjoy active lives by creating healthy early learning, school and community environments. Please access the following link for further information, Jay Inslee The Healthiest Next Generation Initiative.
Special Programs & Federal Accountability Vacant @k12.wa.us 360-725-6170	<u>Office of Native Education</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Since Time Immemorial” Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum Basic Training Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 10 – Capital Region ESD 113, Tumwater ○ October 13 – Yakama Nation, Toppenish ○ October 17 – Puyallup School District ESC, Puyallup ○ October 24 – Elwha Klallam Heritage Training Center, Port Angeles ○ October 31 – Swinomish Tribal Casino/Lodge, Anacortes ○ November 7 – Muckleshoot Tribal College, Auburn ○ November 20 – Spokane (site TBD) • Washington State Common Core/Cultural Based Education Train the Trainer (Common Core State Standards Implementation) – <u>September 26-28, 2014</u> – Seattle-Tacoma area (site TBD) The National Indian Education Association in partnership with the Office of Native Education/OSPI will host a three-day train the trainer event for certified teachers and administrators on the effective implementation of the Common Core State Standards which honors local Native languages and culture and will utilize the “Since Time Immemorial” Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum in addition to other effective materials. All teachers will receive a daily stipend for their attendance and participation—all disciplines and grade levels are welcome. • Washington State Common Core/Cultural Based Education Train the Trainer (Common Core State Standards Implementation) – <u>November 14-16, 2014</u> – Yakama Nation, Toppenish (site TBD) Please see description above.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Indian Education Association 2014 Conference – <u>March 30-April 1, 2015</u> – Yakima Convention Center, Yakima <p>For more information on the above events, please contact Joan Banker, Office of Native Education at (360) 725-6160 or joan.banker@k12.wa.us.</p> <p><u>Title I/LAP & Consolidated Program Reviews</u> Consolidated Program Review teams will be reviewing districts in ESD 101 & ESD 114 along with the annual review of the state's four districts receiving the most federal funds. Ten additional districts are selected for review based on our Data Performance Report. Reviews run from January through May. The CPR trainings are scheduled for September 29th in ESD 114 and October 2nd in ESD 101. A webinar is scheduled October 14th for those districts who are not able to attend the on-site trainings. An email was sent August 28, 2014 to districts who will be reviewed this year.</p>
<p>Teaching & Learning Jessica Vavrus jessica.vavrus@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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign Up Educators TODAY for the Smarter Balanced Digital Library – the Digital Library is a hub for classroom lessons and resources and professional development resources aligned with our new English Language Arts and Mathematics learning standards (the Common Core State Standards, CCSS) http://www.k12.wa.us/SMARTER/DigitalLibrary.aspx • NEW Interactive Brochure for Parents (http://www.yourchildsprogress.com/) – OSPI's <u>Your Child's Progress</u> has been updated – Please share this link and the NEW interactive brochure with schools and parents this fall! • Health and Fitness Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign up for the FREE PAL Training at www.shapewa.org. The Physical Activity Leader (PAL) Learning System is the professional development resource within Let's Move! Active Schools, which is a comprehensive program that empowers school champions (Physical Education teachers, classroom teachers, principals, administrators, and parents) to create active environments that enable all students to get moving 60 minutes a day and reach their full potential. September 19, 2014 at Spokane ESD 101. Registration starts at 8:00am, training starts at 8:30am and ends at 3:30pm Lunch is on your own. 7 clock hours for \$15 - Newly revised KNOW HIV Prevention Curriculum available now in Spanish. View, print or download curriculum located on the HIV and Sexual Health Education Program Website: http://www.k12.wa.us/HIVSexualHealth/KNOW.aspx
<p>Office of Student and School Success</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with our ESD colleagues, Student and School Success will facilitate Outreaches to support identified Priority and Focus schools and their Districts in September and October. The day-

<p>Andrew Kelly Andrew.Kelly@k12.wa.us 360-725-4960</p>	<p>long Outreaches will include multiple sessions for various audiences providing clarity around expectations, supports, and services for Priority and Focus Schools and Districts. We will share new guidance for Central Office leadership teams on effective implementation of supports to Identified Schools and the use of the Indistar® tool to assess, create, and monitor district action plans. We will share revised guidance for School Leadership Teams on implementation of improvement strategies. Colleagues from OSPI's Title I Office will share revised guidance on Schoolwide plan integration, as well as new guidance for Targeted Assistance plan integration in Indistar®. We will have opportunities for continuing P and F Schools to engage in Peer Reviews of action plans with support from Success Coaches and ESD Leads. For more information, please contact your ESD for agendas, meeting logistics, and registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first Student and School Success Regional Improvement Network or "Success Network" meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2014. These meetings will occur concurrently in each ESD region. The "Success Network's" purpose is to convene OSPI Success Coaches, ESD staff, and other cross-Agency and community stakeholders involved in the shared work of supporting Priority and Focus Schools within the region. These 6 hour collaborative events will focus on effective use of data to inform coordinated service to P and F Schools, identifying "Problems of Practice" common in the region, and provide time for collaborative regional action-planning to ensure consolidated effort is systemic, measurable, and outcome-driven to improve educator practice and support student learning. For more information, please contact the ESD Success Lead for agendas and meeting logistics. • Student and School Success, in partnership with the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession (CSTP) and Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), will host a Teacher and Principal Leadership Symposium October 8-10, 2014 at the Hilton Conference Center in SeaTac, WA. Principals are invited to participate and must bring 2-3 teachers (of their choice) who are positioned to benefit from the experience. The three-day event is an opportunity for leaders to help transform school culture and impact student learning by enhancing leadership skills. • Student and School Success offers Instructional Services (professional learning, coaching, and/or technical assistance) for Mathematics, English Language Arts, English Language Learners, and Students with Disabilities that supports the implementation of school's Student and School Success Action Plans. All Instructional Services align to <u>Turnaround Principles</u> and <u>Teacher Criteria</u>, and are intended to impact educator practice and lead to short term and sustainable changes in practice that increase student outcomes and decrease opportunity and achievement gaps. Principals in identified schools are invited to work with their Leadership Coach to determine Instructional Services and Supports that align with their Indistar® Action Plan. A one page document describing the core services will be available this month. Please contact serene.cook@k12.wa.us to request a copy.
<p>Early Learning Bob Butts Bob.butts@k12.wa.us 360-725-0420</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District Early Learning Contact List: OSPI, in collaboration with the ESDs, will be requesting school districts to update their "Early Learning Contact." This list is used to share information regarding activities occurring in the Pre-K – 3rd area and also serves assists early learning providers who are interested in contacted the school district. Once the list is revised, the plan is to put it on the OSPI Early Learning website.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-day Kindergarten Professional Development: OSPI and the ESDs are developing a series of "modules" on topics of interest to school districts in the implementation of full-day kindergarten. Two modules are currently in development: Child Development and the Learning Environment. We will be piloting them and rolling them out in the 2014-15 school year. • December WERA Conference: The Washington Education Research Association will host its annual conference at the SeaTac Hilton on December 10-12. There will be a preconference and strand on PreK-3rd. Information is available at: http://www.wera-web.org.
<p>Information Technology Peter Tamayo peter.tamayo@k12.wa.us 360-725-6134</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Changes to the Online Provider Approval Rules OSPI is in the process of revising the rules that govern the online provider approval system. The existing system relies heavily on inputs-based reviews; the proposed system will continue to rely on inputs but will shift the focus of renewals to how effectively the provider's courses and programs are serving the educational interests of Washington students. The proposed changes are available for review. Written comments can be emailed to karl.nelson@k12.wa.us by September 23rd. A hearing on the topic has also been scheduled for September 23rd. More information about the hearing and the opportunity to provide comments can be found on the CR-102. • E-rate Modernization The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted the E-rate Modernization Order on July 11, 2014. The Order takes major steps to modernize and streamline the E-rate program and focuses on expanding funding for Wi-Fi networks in eligible elementary and secondary schools and libraries across America. Most of the rule changes will become effective for the 2015-16 school year. The universal service Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as the E-rate Program, helps ensure that schools and libraries can obtain telecommunications and Internet access at affordable rates. Washington school districts receive \$25-35 million in E-rate discounts annually. • Wi-Fi Safety in Schools Report: The Department of Health and OSPI will post the completed report about Wi-Fi safety in schools on Sept. 4 at http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/EnvironmentalHealth/WiFiSafety. The report summarizes 15 reviews by national and international health agencies of potential health risk of exposure to radiofrequencies (RF) from devices like cell phones and Wi-Fi signals. These studies concluded that there is no clear and consistent evidence that Wi-Fi causes adverse health effects in people.
<p>Special Education Doug Gill Doug.gill@k12.wa.us 360-725-6075</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All updates for special education are located at: http://www.k12.wa.us/specialed/updates.aspx. Questions regarding Special Education should be directed to Doug Gill, Director, at (360) 725-6075 or email doug.gill@k12.wa.us.
<p>K-12 Education Gil Mendoza Gil.mendoza@k12.wa.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educator Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST): The Beginning Educator Support Team grant

360-725-6343	<p>has funded 32 new districts for 2014-15, bringing the total number of state-funded induction programs to 37. In addition, BEST funds Mentor Academies and other statewide professional learning opportunities open to all educators who support new teachers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Teacher and Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New administrators who need teacher evaluator training, or those who have moved and need training in another instructional framework should contact their ESD TPEP lead. ▪ Any administrator who needs leadership framework training should contact Carol Whitehead at WSLA. ▪ The 2014 Legislature funded TPEP teacher training for 2014-15 at about \$80/teacher. Districts have until October 30 to file an application for iGrant 664. ▪ To comply with federal and state regulations, districts will submit aggregated evaluation 2013-14 data for all employees through the School Employee Evaluation survey (SEES). The data will be collected through EDS (OSPI's Education Data System) and be open from October 1 – November 3, 2014. <p>For more information, please contact the Educator Effectiveness office at (360) 725-6118.</p> ● Equity and Civil Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>All Districts: Equity Assurance Report Due September 30!</u> ○ Remember to submit your Equity Assurance Report by September 30! Every year, each school district must submit this report to OSPI through iGrants form package 447 to assure compliance with various state and federal civil rights requirements. For more information: http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/Bulletins2014/B011-14.docx
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