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MEMORANDUM NO. 40-03M LEARNING AND TEACHING

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
Chief School District Administrators  
School Principals  
School District Assessment Coordinators  
School Public Relations Professionals

FROM: Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: State Standardized Testing Schedule

I am sure that your district is already creating calendars and schedules for the 2003–2004 school year. To assist you in long-term planning, the following "testing windows" are being established for the administration of the Washington State Testing Program, including the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL), the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS), and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED).

It is anticipated that: listening will be discontinued in 2003–2004; the Iowa norm-referenced tests (NRT) will be discontinued in 2005–2006; and a required testing schedule for the administration of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade WASL assessment will be in place no later than spring 2006. "Required" would mean that all students would take the same test on the same date at the same time according to the required schedule.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day will fall on April 22, 2004. This is a popular annual event that, unfortunately, falls during the testing window for the WASL. National event organizers set the date—the fourth Thursday in April—independent of state testing schedules. Schools may want to consider the impact this date has on their student populations and re-evaluate the date they wish to administer the assessment.

Please contact Paul Dugger at 360.725.6348 or TTY 360.664.3631 or by email at [pdugger@ospi.wednet.edu](mailto:pdugger@ospi.wednet.edu) with questions or feedback regarding these testing windows

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as shown on the attachment to this memorandum and share this information with building administrators and assessment coordinators as well as district staff, especially those who have responsibilities for the school calendar or scheduling school events.

This memorandum is also available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Website at the following URL: <http://www.k12.wa.us/bulletinsmemos/>.

#### LEARNING AND TEACHING

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Attachment

## TESTING WINDOWS FOR STATE ASSESSMENTS

### School Year 2003-2004

March 1 to 26, 2004

ITBS Grades 3 and 6 (NRT)

April 19 to May 7, 2004

WASL

4<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

5<sup>th</sup> Science (voluntary operational)

7<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

8<sup>th</sup> Science

10<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science

ITED Grade 9 (NRT)

### School Year 2004-2005

March 7 to April 1, 2005

ITBS Grades 3 and 6 (NRT)

April 18 to May 6, 2005

WASL

4<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

5<sup>th</sup> Science

7<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

8<sup>th</sup> Science

10<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science

ITED Grade 9 (NRT)

### School Year 2005-2006

April 17 to May 5, 2006

WASL

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading, Mathematics

4<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

5<sup>th</sup> Reading, Mathematics, Science

6<sup>th</sup> Reading, Mathematics

7<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics

8<sup>th</sup> Reading, Mathematics, Science

10<sup>th</sup> Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science