

## Possible Work Plan for the WASL Work Group *(as of 7/15/08)*

2008 budget proviso: The work group will consist of a maximum of nine members. . . The purpose of this work group is to review and evaluate the current assessment system by January 1, 2009, and potentially make recommendations to improve it. Of the amount provided in this section, \$150,000 is provided solely for costs associated with hiring independent technical experts to advise the Washington assessment of student learning work group created in this subsection.

Meeting date	Meeting location	Meeting topics
July 28, 2008	UW Bothell	<p><b><u>WASL specific information:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origins of the system</li> <li>• Current assessment system, including federal &amp; state requirements</li> <li>• 2007-08 changes to WASL</li> <li>• WASL contract selection</li> <li>• WSIPP study summary of WASL, student barriers, &amp; alternatives</li> </ul>
August		<p><b><u>General assessment information:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expectations &amp; multiple purposes of assessments (Can one test do all these things?)</li> <li>• Traits &amp; characteristics of assessments that address the various purposes</li> <li>• <u>Discussion:</u> What should be the purpose of assessments in WA? What should decide the design decisions?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
September		<p><b><u>Other states:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do other states do to address the multiple purposes for assessments, including student assessment, accountability, meeting NCLB requirements, and fairness issues?</li> <li>• What would it take for Washington to use another state or off-the-shelf assessment?</li> <li>• Who or what entity provides oversight of the assessment?</li> <li>• <u>Discussion:</u> What should the assessment system in WA look like?</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
November		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop preliminary recommendations</li> </ul>
December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize recommendations</li> </ul>