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TO: School District Superintendents
District Title I Coordinators
School Principals
School District Paraeducator Contacts

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

RE: January 8, 2006: The Due Date for Title I Paraeducators to Meet the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Requirements

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide to all school district personnel the most current information regarding the paraeducator requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. The due date to meet these requirements is rapidly approaching and it is imperative that all paraeducators are prepared and ready to continue their important role of assisting students with their learning.

On January 8, 2006, all paraeducators who are funded with Title I funds (or in Title I schoolwide programs) and who assist with instruction must meet federal requirements to continue in their current capacity. The U.S. Department of Education has re-clarified that there will be no extensions or exceptions to this requirement.

A school district listing of data collected at the end of the 2003—2004 school year indicating each district's progress in meeting the NCLB Title I paraeducator requirements can be accessed on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website www.k12.wa.us.

Your local Educational Service District (ESD) is available to assist you in preparing your paraeducators that need to meet the requirements by providing classes and workshops in the following areas:

- ETS ParaPro test preparation
- ESL paraeducator workshops to assist with the ETS ParaPro test
- Content area workshops in reading, writing, and mathematics

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Your local ESD paraeducator coordinator is available to answer and assist with any additional questions or concerns you may have (see the attached ESD contact list.) This information can be accessed on the OSPI website at www.k12.wa.us.

If your paraeducators will meet the requirements through the ETS ParaPro Assessment, the assessment is offered on-line and at paper and pencil sites throughout the state. If information for on-line testing is needed, please access Memorandum No. 61-03 for detailed instructions to assist you in this process. If you are interested in the paper-and-pencil sites available and test dates offered, please call ETS directly at 1-800-772-9476 or parapro@ets.org.

If you have any further questions, please contact Julie Wright at 360-725-6340 or email jwright@ospi.wednet.edu. The agency TTY number is (360) 664-3631.

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