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January 28, 2011
Symposium on the New State
Accountability Index

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Student Information, Renton School District**

Puget Sound ESD
800 Oakesdale Ave. SW
Renton, WA 98055

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$75 Registration Fee

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Three clock hours
available.

Registration limited to
first 100 people.

Results from the State Board of Education's Accountability Index, used for school recognition and other purposes, recently have been sent to schools, districts and other audiences throughout the state. As this is a new indicator of school success, we are all learning about its intricacies. To help us in that understanding, Pete Bylsma, who was in charge of developing the Index for the Board, will present this 3-hour session that will provide an in-depth look at the Index. Topics that will be covered include:

- (1) how and why the Index was created,
- (2) the various components (outcomes, indicators, benchmarks, ratings) of the Index,
- (3) the business rules and formulas for computing the Index,
- (4) how the Index differs from AYP measures,
- (5) the criteria used by the State Board and OSPI when using the Index for recognition purposes and the new forms of recognition that will be given this year,
- (6) analyses of the 2009 and 2010 Index results,
- (7) examples of how the Index is now being used in schools and districts,
- (8) on-line tools that are available to create presentations for schools, and
- (9) Excel and PowerPoint templates for calculating the Index and making presentations to educators and the public.

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop with wireless capability so they can access their Index results for the last three years and start creating presentations with school results.

Educators from all levels will benefit from this WERA training. It will be especially helpful for district-level assessment and accountability staff. Others with data analysis and policy-making responsibilities (e.g., researchers, principals, school board members, high school math teachers) would also benefit from attending the symposium.