

Dear Parent with a son or daughter in the Class of 2008,

The graduating Class of 2008 and all students who graduate after 2008 must meet new graduation requirements in order to receive a diploma in Washington State. One requirement is passing the WASL. Starting this fall, high school students who did not pass the 10th-grade WASL after two tries are now eligible to access three additional ways to show their skills and meet the graduation requirement. One of those alternatives is called a *Collection of Evidence* (COE). Students are eligible for the Collection of Evidence (COE) option that, if successfully completed, will serve as the WASL alternative and will meet one of the graduation requirements. To be eligible for this option, **White Pass High School requires students to have taken part in WASL prep classes and after-school tutoring which the school offers and also that the student's attendance rate is at least 85%.**

This option requires students to compile a collection of work samples based on specified guidelines. The work samples will include classroom assignments, projects, and responses to performance tasks. The collections will be scored at the state-level by current and former classroom teachers so that the evaluation is objective and consistent.

Please come to the parent forum from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at high school student lounge on **November 16, 2006** to learn about the collection of evidence option from Ms. Karen Larsen, principal, and Ms. Mary Jane Meltz, counselor. You are invited to attend with your son/daughter in order to commit to the collection of evidence process or explore other options that may be available.

Included with this letter is a Collection of Evidence fact sheet. It provides background information that may help answer some initial questions. **You can also find information on our website.** In addition, you can have questions answered by calling our school counselor at 497-5816 ext 306.

We know that this can be a very anxious time for families, and we want to assure you that we are here as partners to help your son/daughter comply with the new state graduation requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us about the collection of evidence alternative assessment option.

Sincerely,

KAREN L. LARSEN

Karen L. Larsen
Principal