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Who has the Smarter Balanced test scores? When will parents know how students scored?



“Computer-based testing does allow quick turnaround of raw score numbers,” confirmed Everett Public Schools Director of Curriculum and Assessment Dr. Catherine Matthews. “However, those early raw score numbers don’t tell schools or parents which learning standards a student has mastered or not mastered.

Sending out-of-context numbers now would simply cause confusion. Most districts will send

home score reports sometime in September when all of that information is printed and available from the state. These score reports will help parents understand their child’s performance more clearly,” added Matthews.

As Matthews explains, “The new score reports are being printed in Olympia now. They will be tools teachers and families can act on to improve student learning. They will be much more useful than score reports of the past. Making sure the data is correct overall and correct for each individual student and then printing those individual reports for each Washington state student takes time – and it’s worth waiting for to make sure it is correct.”

Matthews further explained this year’s state test score process is no different than in past years. The interest is perhaps higher because of the newness of the test format. And there may be a misperception that computer-based scoring of thousands of students’ tests is instant. “Just as in past years, scores are sent to the district for records reconciliation to ensure only correct information is ultimately sent home to parents,” she emphasized.

“It’s simply not helpful for parents if we send a raw number they do not understand at a time of year when no one is available to explain it to them and before the scores have been reconciled,” Matthews confirmed.

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