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The Washington Student Achievement Council Continues Focus on Improving Education Outcomes for Washington Students

Seattle — Improving Washington’s P-20 educational system will be the focus of the Washington Student Achievement Council’s June 11 work session. The meeting, scheduled from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., will include a discussion of issues and policies related to the following key areas:

- Skills & Knowledge – assessing the skills, knowledge, and experience students will need to succeed after graduation.
- Early Learning – meeting the needs of the Pre-K population.
- Remedial Education – reducing the number of students requiring remedial postsecondary education and accelerating the progression of students into college-level coursework.
- Technology – integrating online learning opportunities into each institution’s instructional program, and assessing student cost and system capacity implications.
- Alignment – aligning high school graduation and college admission requirements.
- Affordability – exploring strategies to reduce the amount or costs of course credits.

The work session will guide the Council in their development of a Ten-Year Roadmap, a report due to the Legislature and Governor in December 2013, as required by statute. The Ten-Year Roadmap will provide prioritized policy recommendations for improving student achievement and attainment in Washington. More information on the Roadmap is available on the Council website at www.wsac.wa.gov/PlanningAndResearch/Roadmap.

The agenda and accompanying materials for the work session are available on the Council website at www.wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Meetings.

The meeting will be held at the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Fifth Avenue, 15th Floor.

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Washington Student Achievement Council



About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the **Washington Student Achievement Council** provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations needed to adapt the state's educational institutions to evolving needs and advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment for public education in recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits it provides.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens, a current student, and one representative from each of the state's four major educational sectors.

More information about the Council can be found on our website: www.wsac.wa.gov