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Washington awarded grant to implement Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards

Olympia— On September 19, the Student Learning at Scale Collaborative awarded Washington State a \$65,000 grant to implement the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. The grant, submitted on behalf of Governor Inslee, gives the Washington Student Achievement Council responsibility for engaging a team of educational leaders to ensure that implementation is strategic, aligned, and supportive of students.

Specifically, the Council will work with stakeholders to address the role of the statewide career and college readiness assessment in relation to:

- Senior-year course placement, high school graduation, dual credit, and higher education placement.
- Course-taking and placement at Washington’s higher education institutions.
- Other assessments used in classrooms, school districts, and higher education institutions as well as associated costs.

Staff from the Washington Student Achievement Council will facilitate these meetings, assisting leaders in statewide alignment of legislative and policy agendas and communications.

Members of the team will include representatives from Governor Inslee’s office, the Legislature, the Washington Student Achievement Council, the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the Council of Presidents, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State Board of Education.

The team is scheduled to hold recurring meetings through 2015. Meeting information, as it becomes available, will be posted on the Washington Student Achievement Council website.

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the 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 to meet the evolving needs of students, employers, and the educational community. In recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits of public education, the Council advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment to ensure a thriving Washington.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens (including a current student) and one representative from each of Washington's four major educational sectors. More information about the Council can be found on our website: www.wsac.wa.gov.