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Council to Review Successful 13th Year Promise Scholarship

Olympia—On December 16, South Seattle Community College (SSCC) President, Gary Oertli, will brief the Council on the [13th Year Promise Scholarship](#). The Council will explore ways to partner with or support the 13th Year Promise Scholarship in its implementation of the [2013 Roadmap](#) to increase educational attainment.

SSCC designed the 13th Year Promise Scholarship to increase access to postsecondary education for prospective community college students, particularly those from underrepresented groups. The Scholarship guarantees that all graduating seniors from three high schools (Cleveland, Chief Sealth, and Rainier Beach) have the opportunity to attend South Seattle Community College tuition-free for one year.

Additional agenda items for the Council meeting include updates from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP), the State Board of Education (SBE), and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

Mason Burley, Senior Research Associate at WSIPP, will present the findings of their study evaluating the academic outcomes of State Need Grant students. Ben Rarick, Executive Director at SBE, will provide an update on K-12 accountability, the college and career-ready diploma, and the implementation of the Common Core State Standards. David Longanecker from WICHE will present on the Facilitating Development of a Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange project.

The Council will also discuss 2014 work plans for implementation of Roadmap actions.

The meeting agenda and materials will be available [online](#).

The meeting will be held at South Seattle Community College's Georgetown Campus and is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Gene J Colin Education Hall.

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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.