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Governor to Address Student Achievement Council at May 23 Meeting

OLYMPIA, WA—The Washington Student Achievement Council will hear from Governor Jay Inslee when it meets on Thursday, May 23 at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia. Governor Inslee recently appointed four citizens to fill positions on the nine-member Council, which also includes a student and four representatives of various educational sectors.

Also scheduled for the May meeting are workgroups' policy briefings and recommendations on the Council's development of a Ten-Year Roadmap for increasing educational attainment in Washington.

Council members will review policy briefings on affordability, technology, and alignment of graduation and admission requirements. Three additional workgroups will present reports on policy options related to early learning, remedial education, and assessments. The latter workgroups presented background briefings on their topics at the Council's March meeting.

The workgroups consist of Council members and agency staff, as well as representatives of key education stakeholder groups. Workgroup members will provide additional background briefings and policy recommendations at Council sessions in July and September.

The efforts of the workgroups will culminate in a Ten-Year Roadmap, a report due to the Legislature and Governor in December 2013, as required by statute. 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 May 23 meeting are available on the Council website at www.wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Meetings.

The meeting, which will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m., will be held in the State Room of the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia. The hotel is located at 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW.

The Council also will hold an orientation dinner for the four new Council members on Wednesday, May 22 from 5:00 - 8 p.m. The dinner will be held in the Red Lion Hotel's Capitol Room.

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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: wsac.wa.gov.