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Council Proposes Aspirational Education Goals in 2013 Roadmap Report

Olympia—The 2013 Roadmap Report proposes two overarching state education goals for 2023:

- All adults in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70 percent of Washington adults will have a postsecondary credential.

This first installment of the Roadmap represents the culmination of months of work and extensive stakeholder input, laying the foundation for a ten-year process to increase educational attainment.

Maud Daudon, president and CEO of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Council’s chair, emphasized that this report marks the beginning of a journey. "The completion of the Roadmap is a first step towards achieving our goal of increasing attainment in Washington for all students, assuring access, affordability and excellence. The important work now begins in earnest and it will take everyone across our entire education system--from educators, administrators, parents, legislators and students themselves--to make these important goals a reality."

In support of these goals, the Council recommends 12 specific actions that will make a difference for Washington students. The details of those recommendations are available in the [Roadmap](#) report.

Ensure Access

- Ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income students.
- Make college affordable.
- Ensure all high school graduates are career and college ready.
- Streamline and expand dual credit programs.
- Increase support for all current and prospective students.

Enhance Learning

- Align postsecondary programs with employment opportunities.
- Provide greater access to work-based learning opportunities.
- Encourage adults to earn a postsecondary credential.
- Leverage technology to improve student outcomes.

Prepare for Future Challenges

- Respond to student, employer and community needs.
- Increase awareness of postsecondary opportunities.
- Help families save for postsecondary education.

The Washington Student Achievement Council delivered the 2013 Roadmap Report to the Legislature and Governor today. The Roadmap Report will be updated every two years.

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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.