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Budget priorities and 2014 Strategic Action Plan drive discussion at council's August meeting

Olympia — During the council's retreat on Wednesday, Aug. 20, members will review budget priorities from their sector partners, including the Council of Presidents, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Independent Colleges of Washington.

Thereafter, the council will discuss potential policy and budget priorities for the 2014 Strategic Action Plan. The plan will propose recommendations to meet Washington's two statewide educational attainment goals for 2023:

- All adults, ages 25 to 44, in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25 to 44, will have a postsecondary credential.

The 2014 Strategic Action Plan's recommendations will align with the council's [2013 Roadmap Report](#). The council will adopt the 2014 Strategic Action Plan this fall in anticipation of delivery to the Legislature and the governor in December.

The August 21 council meeting will be held at the University of Washington — Tacoma and is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Milgard Assembly Room of Philip Hall. All [materials](#) will be available online the day of the meeting.

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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.

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