

Committee for Student Support (CSS)

The Committee for Student Support will address issues related to student support services including programs that improve student outreach and support.

Action Items:

- Increase support for all current and prospective students.
- Increase awareness of postsecondary opportunities.
- Encourage adults to earn a postsecondary credential.

Scheduled Meeting

Tues, March 17 - 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thur, May 21

Thur, July 16

Wed, September 23

Thur, December 10

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AGENDA

Legislative update re Student Support Services

Did Not Move Out of House of Origin – Could be Budget Items

- HB 1812 – net price/college fit information to high achieving low-income students
Provides a customized mailer to high achieving low-income students.
- HB 1982 – enhancing student success innovations
Provides postsecondary funding to enhance innovative mentoring, advising and recapturing programs.
- SB 5349 – requiring live financial literacy seminars
Provide financial literacy orientations to all new students.
- SB 5856 – providing support to College Bound students
Provides \$5 M to OSPI to contract with a non-profit organization to support College Bound students.

Moved to Opposite House

- SB 5851 – CBS workgroup recommendations
Includes recommendations from the legislative workgroup related to program evaluation and student support.
- HB 1999 – coordinating services for foster youth to improve outcomes
Coordinates support services to improve educational outcomes for foster youth.
- SB 5328 – disseminating financial aid information (in Rules)
Includes financial aid deadlines on admissions materials.

Discussion – 2015 Student Support Council Work plan

To assist the Council in determining a work plan to continue to advance the needs in the area of student support to make progress toward improving educational attainment. The Council would like your input related to the following questions.

- What are effective ways to advocate for support services?
- How can additional resources be leveraged (federal, state, local, non-profit and business community)?
- Where are the areas of greatest needs?
- What are the best approaches to map existing services to maximize coordination and target areas of need?
 1. Increase support for ALL current and prospective students.
 2. Increase awareness of postsecondary opportunities.
 3. Encourage adults to earn a postsecondary credential.
 4. Provide support for College Bound Scholars (K-12).
 5. Enhance support for underrepresented students (postsecondary).
 6. Incentivize regional collective impact networks.

Projects Updates

- Reach Higher Washington Event

On 3/11 OSPI, CSF and WSAC held an event with school counselors and educational leaders discussing the four goals outlined by the White House related to supporting counselors and improving understanding related to college and career opportunities, affordability, and academic planning.

- 12th Year Campaign completed

College Goal Washington hosted 83 financial aid application completion events serving thousands of students and families. The College Application Campaign was held in the fall at 65 high schools serving 3,600 students.

- FAFSA Completion Initiative launched

In partnership with OSPI, a tool has been provided to allow districts and schools to access the seniors which have filed a FAFSA. The superintendents send a data usage agreement to WSAC and designate access to the data.

- GEAR UP Spring Training Underway

GEAR UP is administering professional development activities to assist schools with college and career readiness information. The Spring training will engage school administrators, counselors, teachers and school-based GEAR UP in sharing best practices, Student Leadership Development, and engaging families in education opportunities.

- CHA Radio Renewal for 2015-16

The WSAC participated in radio shows providing information on college and financial aid preparation and applications. We received positive feedback and will engage again this next year.

- Pave the Way Conference Planned for Oct. 5-6

Pave the Way: Advancing Equity, Access & Educational Attainment – for P-20 educators, counselors, administrators, outreach and support services personnel, community leaders and others working to improve postsecondary opportunities for low-income, first-generation, and historically underrepresented students.