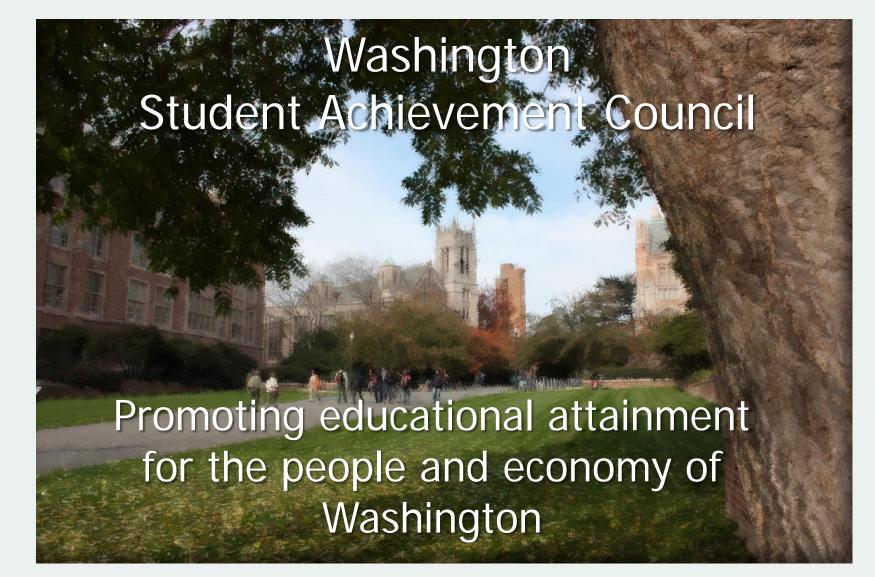
Washington Student Achievement Council



The Legislature created the Council in 2012, and gave it three primary responsibilities:

- Propose goals for increasing educational attainment in Washington.
- Identify improvements and innovations.
- **Promote benefits** of postsecondary education.



Council Overview

The Council consists of nine members

- Five citizens appointed by the Governor, including one student.
- Four education sector representatives:
 - Two-year public colleges
 - Four-year public institutions
 - Independent Colleges of Washington
 - K-12 education system

Agency staff led by an Executive Director support the Council's work.



The Council provides programs and services to promote student success and achievement

- Financial aid makes college affordable for needy students
- GET helps families save for college
- Early outreach programs (College Bound, GEAR UP) encourage college-going behavior
- Policies support student preparation, progress, completion
- Institutional authorization protects education consumers
- Advocacy supports student success, access, affordability

Strategic Planning

Key planning duties:

- Develop a Ten-Year education Roadmap for raising educational attainment and sustaining a viable, accountable, and effective education system.
- Develop a Two-Year Strategic Action Plan that identifies priorities to be addressed in the Roadmap.



Critical Crossroads: A Call for Action

- Completed December 2012
- Identified five areas for further analysis and action in the Roadmap:
 - Readiness
 - Affordability



- Institutional Capacity and Student Success
- Capturing the Potential of Technology
- Stable and Accountable Funding

Recommendations in the Roadmap will be based on:

- Facts and evidence about what is being done today and needed improvements.
- Objective, empirical data and careful analysis.
- Evaluation and best practices within our state and beyond.
- Stakeholder input.

Next Steps

Roadmap Timetable

- Council will hear additional reports from Roadmap work groups in May, July, and September.
- Council will adopt final Roadmap and deliver to the Governor and Legislature in late November.



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