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### **Council recommendations focus on postsecondary access, opportunity, and affordability**

**Olympia** — The Washington Student Achievement Council has delivered the [2014 Strategic Action Plan](#) to the Legislature and Governor. The report is comprised of seven legislative recommendations to meet the state’s education attainment goals for 2023:

- All adults in Washington, ages 25 to 44, 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 increase access and affordability for Washington students, creating opportunity for each of them and a workforce that will increase our state’s global competitiveness,” says Council Chair Maud Daudon. “These are critical first steps toward meeting Washington State’s educational attainment goals by 2023.”

The 2014 Strategic Action Plan policy recommendations are:

1. Fulfill caseload requirements for the College Bound Scholarship.
2. Protect maintenance-level funding for public two- and four-year institutions.
3. Serve more State Need Grant-eligible students.
4. Expand the reach of dual-credit opportunities.
5. Support underrepresented students.
6. Reinvest in State Work Study.
7. Develop an affordability framework.

“The 2014 Strategic Action Plan was developed in collaboration with stakeholders from industry, education, and government at state and local levels,” says Executive Director Gene Sharratt. “These recommendations have been vetted and approved by our partners across the state of Washington in urban and rural communities, from K-12 and postsecondary education. The 2014 Strategic Action Plan recommendations will make a difference for our students and our state.”

This work is driven by the council’s [statutory mission](#) to propose educational attainment goals as well as innovations and improvements necessary to reach those goals.

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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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