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### **Council to discuss 2017 legislative priorities at November meeting**

**Olympia**—The Washington Student Achievement Council will meet on Nov. 9 to discuss priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session, including those outlined in the 2017-19 strategic action plan.

The strategic action plan, which makes short-term budget and policy recommendations to increase educational attainment, can directly impact Washington students and families, employers and communities. If enacted, the plan would also strengthen Washington’s P-20 education system, a cohort of education sectors that have each demonstrated a capacity for strong performance and student outcomes.

The plan includes specific recommendations in support of four major strategies: 1) make higher education more affordable, 2) improve college and career readiness, 3) increase college completion, and 4) ensure graduates can meet workforce demands. The recommended policies will improve educational attainment for underrepresented populations and reengage adults with some college credit but no credential so they can complete their programs.

The 2017-19 strategic action plan will be delivered to the governor and Legislature in December 2016.

The council will hear an overview of partner organizations’ 2017 legislative agendas, highlighting priorities that advance the state’s educational attainment goals and align with the strategic action plan.

The meeting agenda also includes a presentation regarding the draft southeast King County needs assessment, as well as an update on the 12th year campaign, which provides support to high school seniors and their families during the college and financial aid application processes.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Lakewood. Public comment is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. All [materials](#) will be available online the day of the meeting.

**Meeting Location**

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom  
Cascade Building, Level 4  
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Lakewood, WA 98498

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**About the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)**

The Washington Student Achievement Council is committed to increasing educational opportunities and attainment in Washington. The council has three main functions:

1. Lead statewide strategic planning to increase educational attainment.
2. Administer programs that help people access and pay for college.
3. Advocate for the economic, social and civic benefits of higher education.

The council has [nine members](#). Four members represent each of Washington's major education sectors: four-year public baccalaureates, four-year private colleges, public community and technical colleges and K-12 public schools. Five are citizen members, including one current student.

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