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<b>Synopsis</b>	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.
<b>Guiding Questions</b>	Does the recent work of the agency advance progress toward increased educational attainment in Washington?
<b>Possible Council Action</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Documents and Attachments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

## Agency Update

### Two-Month Executive Summary

Project	Recent Work
Program Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>12th Year Campaign</u>: Program staff are assisting sites in using FAFSA completion portal data to identify and support students who need additional help with the FAFSA process.</li> <li>• <u>GEAR UP</u>: In April, GEAR UP staff hosted trainings on best practices, site expectations, and the development of work plans and budgets for all of the partner schools.</li> <li>• <u>College Bound</u>: Program staff are conducting several trainings related to revised residency requirements. With the passage of <a href="#">HB 1488</a>, students who meet HB 1079 requirements will meet the residency requirements for College Bound starting in June. In addition, student with expired DACA status and student with a current Employment Authorization Document will qualify for resident tuition (starting in June), as long as they meet the eligibility requirements detailed in <a href="#">RCW 28B.15.012(2)</a>.</li> </ul>
Program Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>GET &amp; DreamAhead</u>: DreamAhead, offering Washington families new options for college savings in the form of a traditional market-based 529 plan, is now available. Customers who choose to stay in GET may receive adjustments that would add more units to their accounts. And GET customers will also soon have an incentive to roll their GET accounts to DreamAhead (as a result of <a href="#">SB 6087</a>).</li> <li>• <u>Health Professionals Loan Repayment</u>: WSAC administers two loan repayment programs for health professionals providing primary care at approved sites in underserved areas. Staff are in the process of reviewing 391 applications—more than double last year’s total—and will begin notifying providers of their award status by June.</li> </ul>
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Dual Credit</u>: College in the High School programs that do not meet the standards outlined in <a href="#">WAC 392.725</a> were informed of their ineligibility for the 2018-19 academic year. Five of those institutions appealed the decision, and three were determined to be eligible through the appeals process.</li> <li>• <u>Transfers</u>: WSAC is convening a statewide workgroup to review the Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP. The goal is to evolve the DTA/MRP to a more general health sciences degree that would prepare students for several health-related baccalaureate majors. The degree should be updated by the end of 2018.</li> </ul>