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## Roadmap implementation and increasing access to postsecondary education on Council's agenda

**Olympia**—On April 24, the Washington Student Achievement Council will meet to discuss how recent efforts to increase access to postsecondary education may be incorporated into implementation of the Roadmap.

The 2013 Roadmap Report proposed two overarching state education goals for 2023 and 12 strategies to meet those goals. The goals were recently signed into law by Governor Inslee:

- All adults in Washington will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70 percent of Washington adults will have a postsecondary credential.

The Council will continue development of an implementation plan for the Roadmap, which will be presented as the 2014 Strategic Action Plan to the Legislature and Governor in December of this year. The following Council committees will report on their progress:

- Committee for Funding and Affordability.
- Committee for Academic Affairs and Policy.
- Committee for Student Support.

In the course of these committee updates, the Council will explore issues related to access and diversity in the Running Start Program and review central themes of the state's first annual Educational Attainment for All Conference (held April 16 in Yakima). The Council will also welcome members of the Washington State Board of Education, who will provide an overview of Washington's new 24-credit high school graduation requirements framework.

The meeting will be held at Washington State University, Tri-Cities, in Richland and is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Consolidated Information Center. All <u>materials</u> will be available online the day of the meeting.

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