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Council engages partners in panel discussion on increasing educational attainment

Olympia — On Feb. 11, the Washington Student Achievement Council will hold a panel discussion with the State Board of Education, the Professional Educator Standards Board, and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. The conversation will cover their strategic goals and objectives and how their work supports increased educational attainment in Washington.

The meeting agenda also includes discussion on implementation of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act, which was signed into law by President Obama on June 22, 2014. Eleni Papadakis and Terri Colbert, from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, will provide further background on the Act and outline the steps necessary to implement required changes.

The council will also discuss the content and process for completing the 2015 Roadmap.

The meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in Olympia. All <u>materials</u> will be available online the day of the meeting.

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The nine-member council includes five citizens (including a current student) and one representative from each of Washington's four major educational sectors. Find us online at www.wsac.wa.gov, on Twitter @WSACouncil, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WSACouncil