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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 towards 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 type="checkbox"/> Other

## Agency Update

### Two-Month Executive Summary

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>12th Year Campaign</u>: The 12th Year Campaign released a media template to local districts to encourage regional media coverage of local 12th year events. As of this writing, over 120 College Goal Washington events are scheduled.</li> <li>• <u>GEAR UP</u>: The Washington Student Achievement Council received a seven-year, \$24.5 million grant to increase college readiness and success for 5,500 low-income students in 48 schools statewide through the Washington State GEAR UP Program. WSAC is one of three organizations in Washington State to receive the grant from the U.S. Department of Education.</li> </ul>
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>State Approving Agencies</u>: Laura Bach (WSAC/SAA Associate Director) was elected President of the National Association of State Approving Agencies. For almost seventy years now, the National Association of State Approving Agencies has been helping military service members make a successful transition to the civilian world by approving quality programs of education and training for the GI Bill®.</li> <li>• <u>Pave the Way</u>: Registration is now open for the 2017 Pave the Way Conference, scheduled for October 19 at Central Washington University. The annual conference focuses on strategies to advance equity, increase college readiness, and broaden access to higher education in Washington.</li> </ul>
Policy and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Regional Meetings – Gates Grant</u>: WSAC has received funding from the Gates Foundation to convene multiple regional meetings with key educational and business leaders. The meetings will include a series of focused conversations designed to increase an understanding of educational pathways, employment needs, and advocacy efforts.</li> <li>• <u>Adult Reengagement Framework</u>: Supported in part by a grant from the Lumina Foundation, WSAC has convened a technical workgroup and an advisory workgroup in support of the agency’s adult reengagement initiative. Initial meetings of both groups have largely focused on the components of an online portal that would be useful to adults seeking to finish their degree or credential.</li> </ul>