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Student Achievement Council to Meet March 26 at Saint Martin's in Lacey

OLYMPIA—The Washington Student Achievement Council will meet on Tuesday March 26 at Saint Martin's University in Lacey. The agenda includes planning briefings on three topics that will be addressed in the Council's 10-year education Roadmap for increasing educational attainment in Washington.

Separate panels will discuss early learning and remedial education, two topics included under the broader challenge area of student readiness. The Council has identified student readiness as one of five challenge areas to be covered in the education Roadmap. The third presentation at the March 26 meeting will cover skills, knowledge and experience, a topic included under the Roadmap challenge area called institutional capacity and student success.

Three additional challenge areas that will be discussed in the Roadmap are affordability, technology and funding. The Roadmap is the Council's major work this year and is due to the Legislature and Governor by December. More information about the Roadmap is available on the Council website at www.wsac.wa.gov/PlanningAndResearch/Roadmap.

The agenda and accompanying materials for the March 26 meeting are available on the Council website at <u>www.wsac.wa.gov/AboutTheCouncil/Meetings</u>. The meeting, which will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m., will be held in Saint Martin's Worthington Conference Center. The Thurston County campus is located at 5000 Abbey Way SE, Lacey.

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About the Washington Student Achievement Council: Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the **Washington Student Achievement Council** provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations needed to adapt the state's educational institutions to evolving needs and advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment for public education in recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits it provides.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens, a current student, and one representative from each of the state's four major educational sectors.

More information about the Council can be found on our website: wsac.wa.gov.