

Title	Executive Update
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Synopsis	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.
Guiding questions	Does the recent work of the agency advance progress towards increased educational attainment in Washington?
Possible Council Action	☒ Information/Discussion ☐ Approve/Adopt ☐ Other
Documents and Attachments	☐ Brief/Report ☐ PowerPoint ☐ Third-party materials ☐ Other

Agency Update

Two-Month Executive Summary

Project	Recent Work
Outreach and Advocacy	• <u>12th Year Campaign</u>: As of May 2017, campaign sites have helped 13,375 seniors successfully complete this year's FAFSA. This year's participating high schools had an eight percentage points higher FAFSA completion rate than high schools that did not participate. • <u>GEAR UP</u>: The new application requests \$3.5 million per year to provide services in 26 school districts (48 schools). Program services will include academic tutoring and homework support, as well as increased access to rigorous coursework, mentoring, counseling and advising, and financial literacy education.
Programs	• <u>Student Teaching Residency Grant</u>: A total of 68 students were awarded the Student Teaching Residency Grant, supporting preparation program candidates with financial need who are student teaching at Title I eligible public schools in Washington. • <u>College Bound Scholarship</u>: The College Bound team, in collaboration with partners from DSHS, Passport, and GEAR UP, are developing a new publication for foster youth with College Bound applications. The goal for this publication is to connect students with essential resources, programs, and supports. • <u>The College Savings Plan</u>: WSAC is reviewing vendor proposals to help create and run a new 529 savings plan. The tentative date for selecting an apparent successful bidder is June 26.
Policy and Research	• <u>Residency</u>: WSAC staff provided updates on residency and transfer work at spring meetings of the Intercollege Relations Commission (Aberdeen) and the Advising and Counseling Council (Tacoma). • <u>College in the High School</u>: WSAC staff have continued to develop a framework for the statewide College in the High School program evaluation, which includes the implementation of a cloud-based tool to streamline communications during the evaluation process.