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State Board to Adopt New Plan to Help Struggling Schools

Olympia, WA - The State Board of Education (SBE) will hold a meeting January 4 at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to finalize plans for a new system of statewide accountability, one designed to address Washington's lowest achieving schools.

SBE will submit legislation this session to allow for state intervention in five percent of the lowest achieving schools and their districts. The proposed legislation opens the doors for a state/local partnership designed to direct resources to the schools whose students continually fall short in reading and math state assessments.

Though Washington state schools have largely improved in state assessments over the last decade, there are schools that have failed to keep up. The new legislation is designed to target state resources to turn around these schools, requiring the district to then use these resources and new intervention models to create lasting change in student achievement.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Time for public comment will be provided.

A complete agenda and other meeting materials are available [here](#).

The public and news media are invited to attend. For more information visit: www.sbe.wa.gov .

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