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State Board to Review State Budget Implications for K-12 and to Honor Four of Washington's Top Teachers

Tumwater, WA – The Washington State Board of Education's January 12-13 meeting at the New Market Skills Center in Tumwater, Washington, will include a review of Governor Gregoire's K-12 budget proposal and the implications for Washington's public schools.

The Board will review and discuss its legislative priorities, including the revised graduation requirements for the Class of 2016, the mathematics and science graduation requirements for the Class of 2013, and the Governor's proposal for a new Department of Education.

On Wednesday, the Board will honor four of Washington's top teachers.

The four honorees, all public K-12 educators, will receive their awards and have an opportunity to share their experiences with the Board during a noon recognition ceremony.

Those being recognized are: Washington State Teacher of the Year, Jay Maebori (Kentwood High School, Kent School District); 2010 Milken Educator, Kelly Aramaki (John Stanford International School, Seattle School District); and two Presidential Award Winners for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching, Nicola Wethall (Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor School District) and Karen Borders (Key Peninsula Middle School, Peninsula School District).

Information about the [Washington State educator award nominees](#), as well as a meeting [agenda](#) and other materials, is available at sbe.wa.gov.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Time for public comment will be provided.

The public and news media are invited to attend.

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