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State Board of Education Reviews Success Strategies in Math and Science

Pasco, WA – The Washington State Board of Education’s May 11-12 meeting at the Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington, will include work on statewide education governance and a survey of several statewide successful math and science instructional strategies.

Staff from Delta High School, as well as representatives from Educational Service District 123, Cascade School District, and Icicle River Middle School will provide the Board with an overview of specific math and science instructional strategies that have impacted student achievement. Improving statewide math and science student performance remains a central tenet of the Board’s work.

During the March Board meeting in Tumwater, Washington, members began their analysis of effective statewide education governance models. The discussion centered around how Washington’s education governance structure compares to other states’, other nations’, and the governance structures promoted by Governor Gregoire and her proposal to create a Department of Education separate from the constitutionally appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction.

On Thursday, May 12, the Board will continue their review of education governance and begin to shape a new proposal to introduce in the 2012 legislative session for an effective statewide education governance system that better supports student achievement.

Materials related to math and science instructional strategies, a comprehensive review of governance, the meeting agenda, and other agenda items for the May meeting are available at www.sbe.wa.gov.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11.

Time for public comment will be provided.

The public and news media are invited to attend.

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