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Statewide Boards Call for Action, Clear Standards on Career Readiness

TUMWATER, Wash. – Citing the needs of Washington’s students and employers alike, two state educational agencies committed to define and support “career ready” education Wednesday, and called for others to join the work.

In a joint meeting, the Washington State Board of Education and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board adopted a resolution that:

- Requests the Legislature form a Career Ready Policy Work Group to recommend standards for career readiness education.
- Pledges to work together to develop a framework for credit-bearing coursework that incorporates career exploration and guidance.
- Advocates for the importance of funding middle and high school career and technical education programs and developing career pathways for students.

Although Washington’s high school graduates are expected to be ready for “colleges, careers, and life,” the state has not yet developed learning standards that clearly demonstrate a graduate’s readiness to begin careers that lead to economic self-sufficiency. Students need to be able to identify the connections between what they learn in school and their career and life goals. A statewide definition of career readiness will help ensure students achieve their goals, no matter which pathway they pursue.

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