

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: **SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY, CONTRACTS
AND ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX**

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BACKGROUND:

Our two contractors—Northwest Regional Educational Lab, conducting the policy barriers study and Mass Insight, working on options for state and local partnerships for priority schools—have been around the state and in a few of our districts conducting interviews and focus groups with administrators, teachers, and key policy stakeholders. Early feedback indicates that they are receiving useful and meaningful information. Both contractors have been flexible in using what they are learning to adjust their work plans to better meet the goals of these studies.

Staff has been investigating accountability measures related to the performance of low-income students and for a school awards program. We have continued to discuss these issues with OSPI staff and OSPI contractors. We plan to form two work groups of individuals who have the knowledge and experience needed to continue moving forward.

A power point presentation updating you on the progress of these efforts will be provided at the Board meeting

