

## Expanded Learning Opportunities Council

Second Substitute Senate Bill (2SSB) 6163 passed the legislature in the 2014 Session and was signed by the governor. The act creates an Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Council to advise the governor, the legislature and the superintendent of public instruction regarding a comprehensive expanded learning opportunities system, with particular attention to solutions to summer learning loss.

The Council is convened by the SPI. Members must have experience with expanded learning opportunities and include groups and agencies representing diverse student interests and geographical locations. Membership must include:

- Three representatives from nonprofit community-based organizations.
- One representative from regional workforce development councils.
- One representative from each of the following organizations or agencies:
  - Washington State School Directors Association
  - Washington Association of School Administrators
  - Association of Washington School Principals
  - State Board of Education
  - Washington Education Association
  - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - Washington PTA
  - Higher education
  - A nonprofit organization with statewide experience in expanded learning opportunities frameworks.

The Council shall provide guidance related to:

- Potential improvement and expansion of summer learning opportunities;
- School year calendar modifications that will help reduce summer learning loss;
- Partnerships between schools and community-based organizations;
- Other current or proposed programs that could contribute to a statewide system of expanded learning opportunities.

Specific duties include identifying resource and partnership opportunities, setting quality standards, promoting evidence-based strategies, designing a comprehensive action plan to implement expanded learning opportunities, and tracking performance of ELO's in closing the opportunity gap.

The Council must provide a report to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2014 and each December 1 thereafter through 2018. If funds are not appropriated for the Summer Knowledge Improvement Pilot Program established by this act (they were not), the first report must include recommendations on a plan for such a program. Each succeeding year's report is to summarize accomplishments, measure progress, and make recommendations for continued development of an expanded learning opportunities system

Appointments to the Council must be made by May 30, 2014. The Council must hold its first meeting by August 1. Staff support will be provided by OSPI and other state agencies.