

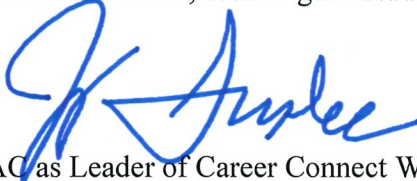


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DIRECTIVE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Date: January 31, 2024

To: Michael Meotti, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)

From: Governor Jay Inslee 

Subject: Designation of WSAC as Leader of Career Connect Washington

The Legislature created the career connected learning cross-agency work group to expand high quality career connected learning opportunities in communities across the state pursuant to RCW 28C.30.030. Leaders from business, labor, government, non-profits, and education have acted jointly to define a vision for Career Connect Washington (CCW). This vision established a collaborative approach to build a statewide system for career connected learning.

The private sector partners have worked alongside state government to implement CCW since 2019. The partnership model has achieved significant success, including the creation of over 150 new Career Launch programs and a significant increase in enrollment in Career Launch programs (including registered apprenticeship). Young people are accessing these education and work-integrated paid pathways in all parts of the state and in all sectors of the economy. This progress demonstrates that the model of CCW is working.

Pursuant to my authority in the cross-agency work group under RCW 28C.30.030, I am assigning to the Washington Student Achievement Council the responsibilities of:

- Coordinating the state's implementation efforts by leading the cross-agency work group; and
- Preparing regular performance updates to the Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight Board (WEIA) created under RCW 28B.77.310 to support evaluation of CCW's progress against its goals and to make recommendations about its future funding from the WEIA account

This designation will provide state coordination and leadership for CCW and ensure public accountability for making progress towards the state's goals.)