

EXECUTIVE ORDER 88-08

Advisory Council for Advanced Technology in Schools

WHEREAS, there exists a need to encourage the development and dissemination of advanced technology in the K-12 School System; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to create an advisory council to help establish and make recommendations on the creation of a 21st Century Institute for Advanced Technology in Schools; and

WHEREAS, this advisory council would make its recommendations to the Governor and the Governor's Task Force on Schools for the 21 st Century;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, create the **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS**, to be composed of 16 members including persons with expertise and experience in business, higher education and K-12 education.

The mission of the Council will be to review and make recommendations to the Governor and the Governor's Task Force for Schools for the 21 st Century on a design and plan for creation of an Institute for Advanced Technology in Schools.

The Plan should be developed on the basis of establishing an Institute that is operated and funded as a public/private partnership to encourage the development and dissemination of advanced technology in the schools. The Institute is envisioned as a way to bring experts in business, higher education and technology together with teachers and students to present the latest in technological advances and training.

The Institute should provide access to advanced technology, training and transformation strategies to assist school managers and teachers in improving accountability and the cost effectiveness of resource allocation, and to maximize the performance of students in learning about and through new technological developments. The Institute should be structured to provide initiation, coordination and networking of current and future efforts by various school and business entities in our state and other states in the application of advanced technology including television, VCR (video tape), computer, CD ROM (Compact Disc - Read Only Memory), video disc, telecommunications and audio communication, and other technological advances.

The Council report should make recommendations on funding for the Institute, its location and any appropriate companion initiatives such as pilot school advanced technology grants (PSATG) to schools, administrators, teachers and students.

The Council should also make recommendations on how the Institute could avoid the perception of a widening gap of technological access for everyday classroom activity. The goal is to provide fair and equal access to opportunity so our youth can compete in a world where they will need a

mastery of basic skills and knowledge complemented by a combination of analytical and critical thinking abilities.

The preliminary report will be due to the Governor by December 15, 1988. The final report will be due to the Governor by June 1, 1989. The Advisory Council will expire on June 30, 1989.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 14th day of September A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Booth Gardner
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
