

EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-04

Establishing the Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding

WHEREAS, there is dramatic evidence that we must significantly improve the performance of all students in our public education system; and

WHEREAS, this can only be accomplished if our education system undergoes fundamental changes and the necessary funding is committed to these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby establish the Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding.

I. The Council is charged with the responsibility to develop a long-term action plan to reform the state's public elementary and secondary schools and significantly improve student performance. In developing this plan, the Council shall incorporate the work of the Commission on Student Learning. At a minimum, the plan should address:

A. The creation of an educational system that is flexible and allows each individual to achieve at high levels;

B. The creation of a system that is performance-oriented and emphasizes results rather than the maintenance of existing policies and procedures;

C. The efficient use of existing funds, the prioritization of those funds and methods to obtain necessary additional funds.

II. Members of the Council shall include the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a school district director, a school administrator, two certificated instructional staff, a classified school employee, and six public members appointed by the Governor. The membership shall also include eight legislators: the Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and one additional member appointed by each House and Senate caucus.

III. The Governor shall serve as Chair of the Council.

IV. The Council shall seek to operate on the basis of consensus but may establish procedures to approve action or other activities as needed. The Council may establish an executive committee and such subcommittees, technical advisory committees and staff committees as it deems necessary.

V. The Council shall issue an interim report and action plan by December 1, 1991, with a final report and action plan completed by December 1, 1992.

VI. The Chair shall establish the Council budget from funds provided and pay Council meeting and member's travel expenses, if not otherwise covered, pursuant to standard state procedures.

VII. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 16th day of May A.D., Nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

Booth Gardner
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Assistant Secretary of State
