



Puget Sound College and Career Network

PSCCN 2020-21 Update



We hope you are enjoying a bit of rest and have a chance to reset before the 2020-21 school year officially begins!

This summer, PSCCN is reflecting on our work, seeking feedback from our partners (thank you to all who completed our recent survey!), and mapping our plan for 2020-21.

In 2020-21, we will be focused on providing support that is highly relevant to the times we live in as well as seeding the ground for visionary future work. We are preparing to support the launch of [King County Promise](#), providing responsive services via the [Pierce County College & Career Cooperative](#), continuing the regional study of equity issues within college course placement, supporting virtual financial aid completion and postsecondary transition partnership strategies, convening district and college leadership across the region, and much more. Is there something that you need support on this year from a regional intermediary like PSCCN? [Let us know.](#)

We've also been working with partners across the state to inform back-to-school guidance for OSPI related to postsecondary planning, dual credit, transcripts, and grading. We'll be sure to share this guidance when it's available. And just in case you missed it, be sure to check out the [Emergent Resources Repository](#) for detailed virtual postsecondary transition strategies.

Be sure to check out a [recent op-ed](#) co-authored by President John Mosby about the need for investment in postsecondary access in this moment, and also check out the [Beyond HS Plan](#) from the Biden campaign.

Thank you for all your do to further equity in postsecondary access! We look forward to partnering with you this year.

King County Promise Update

Partner Gratitude and Appreciation

PSCCN is **deeply grateful** to the members of the Refinement Phase, a group of 70+ staff, students and representatives from across King County's educational and community support system who have been engaged in the Refinement Phase of King County Promise since November 2019.

Over the past 8 months, these partners have provided input on shaping the direction of the early years through mature state of King County Promise, and have centered in the discussions racial equity, shared vision to transform our current systems and have connected across roles and institutions to ask and answer key questions before us. A July update with more detail can be found [here](#).

August 2020 Update

King County Council Process:

The King County Promise is now at a critical point: The King County Council is reviewing and will soon be voting on an implementation plan that will guide the early years of PSTAA funded strategies, including King County Promise. The full plan can be found

King County Process:

- The King County council is reviewing the draft implementation plan covering all 3 funded areas of PSTAA investments. We anticipate a vote by mid September.

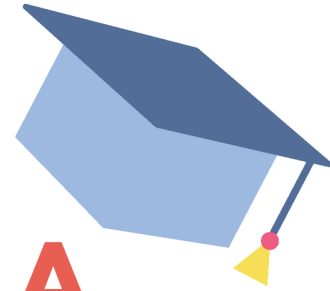
King County Promise Next Steps:

- PSCCN is continuing the momentum from the Refinement phase including:
 - Convene 2 short-term work groups to refine King County Promise elements in preparation for launch:
 - Financial Match & Data Sharing/Needs
- Consolidate Promise common elements, eligible funding items & systems commitments
- Continue discussions with regional funders

Upcoming Touchpoints

- Wednesday, 8/25 1pm – King County Council Committee of the Whole
 - [Link to the livestream](#)
 - Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) Implementation Plan is on the agenda

Pierce County Strong Stay Local CTC Information Sessions



CHOOSING A COLLEGE FOR FALL? STAY LOCAL!

*Pierce County Community & Technical College
Virtual Information Sessions*

**WEDNESDAYS,
AUG. 12TH, 19TH & 26TH
4:00PM - 5:00PM**

Get the help you need to enroll this fall!
Register now at: bit.ly/PCstaylocal



Pierce County Strong is excited to share this opportunity to support the class of 2020 through our Stay Local - Online CTC information sessions. PSCCN is partnering with Bates Technical College, Clover Park Technical College, Pierce College, and Tacoma Community College to offer these series of information sessions.

We know that as a result of COVID-19 many students may have changed their postsecondary plans, or may not have had the typical enrollment supports they would have under normal circumstances. We also know many of you in your districts have been looking at ways to help support students during this challenging time. Our hope is that these information sessions helps to bridge that need and **we ask for your support in sharing this opportunity with your students and their families.**

Event and Registration Details:

Session Dates and Times

- Wednesday, August 12th, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 19th, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 26th, 4 p.m.

[Click Here to Register](#)

#FAFSABrightSpots: NCAN Resources

If you are an educator looking for creative ways to support students and their families with FAFSA completion, here are some great resources from NCAN. The #FAFSABrightSpots series showcases the ways NCAN members virtually supported students and families with financial aid applications this spring. As we head into the fall and new FAFSA cycle, we can turn to these dispatches for ideas for future FAFSA completion efforts in a time where in-person advising is still off-limits.

- [LOSFA Embraces the Opportunity to Provide Virtual FAFSA Completion Assistance](#)
- [Indiana Creates a Virtual FAFSA Frenzy](#)
- [Alabama Possible Leverages Partnerships to Support FAFSA Completion](#)
- [EducationQuest Foundation Virtually Supports FAFSA Completion](#)
- [MCAN Spearheads Collective FAFSA Completion Efforts in Michigan](#)

Stay tuned for more #FAFSABrightSpots pieces.

Also, be sure to check out the [#FormYourFuture FAFSA Trackers Hub](#) for data on FAFSA completion among high school seniors from the class of 2020 as well as FAFSA renewals.

Upcoming NCAN Events

Marching Toward Equity, NCAN's 25th Anniversary Virtual Conference!

- September 14, 2020
- September 16, 2020

[Click Here to Register](#)

News from the Region



How The Coronavirus Has Upended College Admissions. [Click here](#) for more information

Enrollment at regional colleges drops, leading to cuts. [Click here](#) for more information

UW drops SAT, ACT requirement, extending coronavirus accommodation. [Click here](#) for more information

'People don't understand quite how bad this is going to be': Washington colleges brace for coronavirus funding impact. [Click here](#) for more information

Western Washington University expects to teach classes in hybrid format this fall: some online learning, some in-person lectures — but no big gatherings. [Click here](#) for more information

Inslee's budget priorities don't include K-12 education. Can anyone change that? [Click here](#) for more information

Last year, Washington lawmakers made college free for some. This year, they want to make it more accessible. [Click here](#) for more information

Invest in our state's future by investing in higher education. [Click here](#) for more information

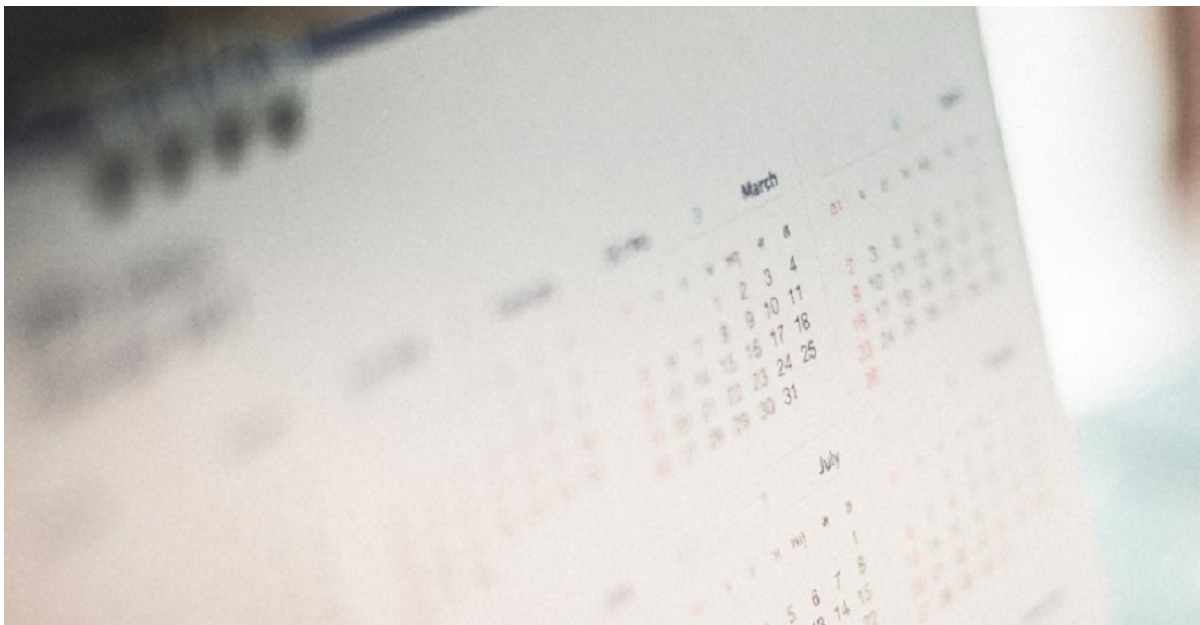
Stakes are high for remote K-12, fall edition. [Click here](#) for more information

Why K-12 Education Needs More Federal Stimulus Funding. [Click here](#) for more information

Will Push to Reopen Threaten Aid? [Click here](#) for more information

Pell Grants No Longer Cover Tuition, Burdening Students With More Debt. [Click here](#) for more information

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