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**A note from Brad Brown,
PSESD's Executive Director of Learning Teaching & Family Support**



Mercy Daramola has issued her letter of resignation to the Puget Sound ESD. I want to take this time to thank her for her service to the community and the educational system. We are so grateful for all the work she has done to support Promise, the College and Career Success team, and overall agency, and wish her well in her endeavors.

Our values and goals have not changed in terms of service to you and our community. With that in mind, we have taken the liberty to name an interim director Adam Kay akay@psed.org to support the team. Please feel free to reach out to him or set up a time via Leila Crist lcrist@psed.org, Program Coordinator.

We expect the PSCCN Postsecondary Director position to open for applications soon. Look out for the position on our website <https://www.psed.org/careers/jobs> for more information.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and partnership.

Financial Aid Resources



Financial Aid 201: Understanding Verification, Appeals and Award Letters

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Topics covered in this training will include:

- Financial aid verification
- Appeals
- Award letters

Intended audience:

This training is a good fit for current and new practitioners in schools and community organizations supporting students to complete financial aid applications or advising students and families about financial aid. Clock hours are available.

Monday, March 1st, 2023, 9:30am – 11:00am: [Click Here to Register](#)

Regional Opportunities



Grants for Washington State K-12 Public School Teachers!

Applications are now being accepted for the "Ellison Education Grants." Grants are for K-12 public school teachers in Washington State. Over the past six years, the Ellison foundation has awarded 83 grants and \$831,000 to Washington State teachers.

The Ellison Foundation will award grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in the spring of 2023 (for use during the 2023-2024 school year). Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2023.

Click on the link to learn more about the [Ellison Education Grants](#).

Helping Students Most Impacted by the Pandemic

The Seattle Times featured an article by Partnership for Learning about the federal relief money available to accelerate students' learning recovery, strategies that are working, and what families and districts can do. [Click here to read more.](#)

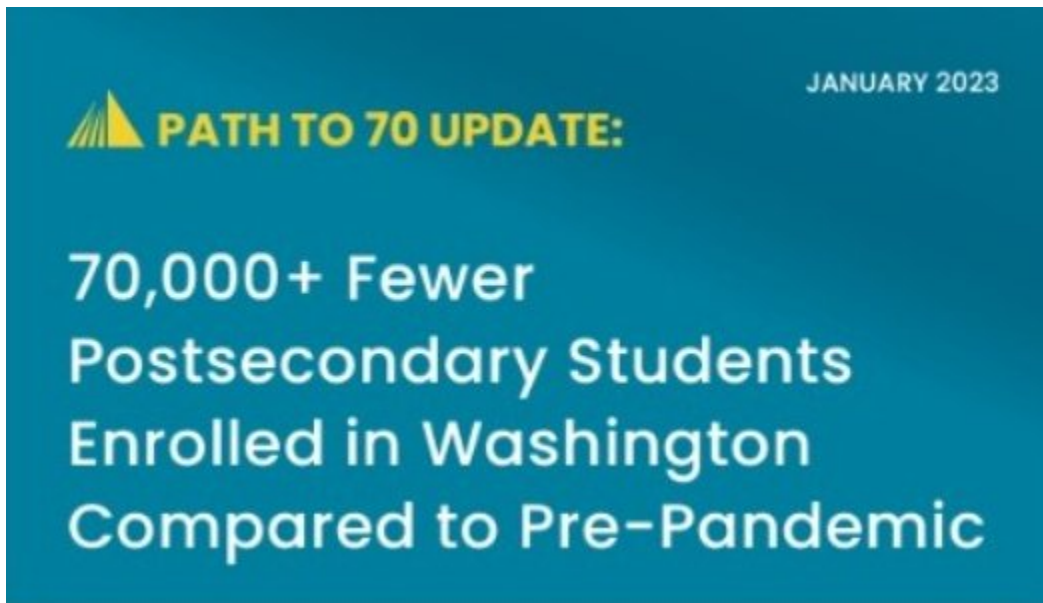
Plus check out the sample social content below:

- How prevalent is basic needs insecurity for Washington college students? Administered in Fall 2022 in 39 colleges and universities across the state, the survey revealed some stark conditions for Washington college students:
- Nearly half of all students surveyed (49.4%) reported experiencing basic needs insecurity, and those rates were similar among respondents in 2-year and 4-year institutions.
- 4 out of 10 students (38.3%) reported experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days
- 3 out of 10 students (34.2%) reported experiencing housing insecurity, and 1 out of 10 students (11.3%) reported experiencing homelessness in the previous 12 months.

To learn more:

- [Executive Summary](#)

- [Report](#)



Fall 2022 Enrollment Update from Partnership for Learning & Washington Round Table

The crisis of stagnant or declining postsecondary enrollment – a concern even before the pandemic – is deepening at WA public two- and four-year colleges and universities. According to data shared with the Washington Roundtable by the state's public postsecondary institutions:

- Fall 2022 enrollment of resident undergraduate students at Washington's public four-year colleges and universities is down by nearly 10,000 students (11.3%) compared to pre-pandemic figures (fall 2019).
- Preliminary data indicate that enrollment across the state's 34 community and technical colleges is down by 60,000 students (an estimated decline of 26% or more).

The decline in postsecondary enrollment contrasts with the increasing economic need for credentialed workers in Washington state. From Nov. 2021 to Nov. 2022, employers added more than 130,000 jobs in Washington state. That follows a decade of economic growth when a credential—such as a degree, apprenticeship, or certificate—had become essential for jobs that offer a good salary and advancement opportunities.

Read more about the picture of postsecondary enrollment in Washington in Fall 2022 in the [latest report](#). Meeting students where they are and improving the postsecondary credential attainment rate is critical to our state's future.

Learning with Leaders at Options High School

[Learning with Leaders](#) connects students with in-demand career pathways by providing exploration that focuses on local employment, education, and support services. All Learning with Leaders workshops are designed to be hands-on, experiential activities where students get the opportunity to actually practice a skill used in a trade or profession and discover their strengths through kinesthetic learning. [Click here to read more about the December event at Options HS!](#)

Student Opportunities



Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Reports

Ensure your students are completing the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship. Upon request, PSCCN can provide a district-specific list of students who have started and completed the application to support follow-up. Please email pcccn@psed.org to receive your district's list. More details about the scholarships are below.

[Baccalaureate Scholarship Application](#) - Due February 28th, 2023

Back-to-school: Get ready with High School and Beyond Planning resources

As students, families, and educators start another school year, students can use the [High School and Beyond Plan \(HSBP\)](#) to connect their coursework to their future goals. The Plan is a process students engage in throughout middle and high school to explore their interests, plan aligned coursework, research education and training opportunities after high school, and more. When students see a clear path from their education into a future that fits their interests, school becomes more relevant and engaging.

OSPI: Class of 2023 Graduation Toolkit, Graduation Pathways Quick Reference one-pager and updated HSBP Template now posted.

These updated resources on [OSPI's Graduation webpage](#) are designed to support school staff in helping students graduate with a diploma and a plan for a meaningful first step after high school.

Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

The ETV Program is a national program for youth who qualify and are likely to age out of the foster care system. ETV offers financial assistance to eligible youth to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical college. The maximum ETV award is \$5,000 per academic year. For more information, [click here](#).

Application - Due April 30th, 2023

Meet Ready WA student storytellers!

NEW: Arianna: How college support programs can make a difference (podcast)

Summer: [Running Start v. AP: making the right decision for you](#) (blog)

Aleena: [A day in my life: Running Start](#) (video)

News from the Region



Paul Francis, the new head of the state's community college system, is worried too many students have soured on the idea of going to college. He attributes this to some students' lack of awareness regarding Washington's generous financial aid program and what kind of packages of financial assistance they can qualify for. [Click here](#) to read this Q&A about why Paul Francis wants students to reconsider community college.

[Click here](#) to find out more about how 3 Seattle-area high schools made the finals of a prestigious jazz band competition. Two of the Seattle-area bands have made numerous appearances in the finals.

A flurry of bills are looking to limit income restrictions and extend the time limit for state college financial aid to support students. [Click here](#) to read more about how WA lawmakers want to beef up state aid for college students.

An unauthorized party had the ability to view personal information of certain students, staff, and parents from the Edmonds School District for two weeks. [Click here](#) to read about how the breach exposed data of Edmonds schools' staff, students and parents.

Students of color are now the majority in Washington's schools but some legislators and school officials want to prevent them from receiving training related to Critical Race Theory (CRT) or white privilege. [Click here](#) for more information about teaching racial realities in schools.

ChatGPT — an artificial intelligence tool that can write essays, poems, and emails on any subject with the click of a cursor — sent shockwaves. [Click here](#) to read more about OpenAI's new tool for deterring cheating launches with mixed results.

Roughly 450,000 adults in Washington live in what are called pharmacy deserts, according to the University of Washington. [Click here](#) to read more about How WSU plans to ease shortage of rural pharmacists.

Student Voices:

- [A Q&A with U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón](#)
- ['Hamilton Community Day' models affordable, welcoming theater experience](#)
- [Seattle Schools can't forget arts students in decision-making](#)

Upcoming Events and Trainings



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