

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HEARING TYPE:   X   ACTION

DATE: May 15, 2008

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM THE 180-DAY SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENT**

SERVICE UNIT: Edie Harding, Executive Director  
State Board of Education

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the State Board of Education (SBE) approve the waiver requests from the minimum 180-day school year for the following school districts:

School District	#Days	#Years
Adna	4	3
Bremerton	4	3
Burlington-Edison:		3
Grades K-8	2	
Grades 9-12	3	
Federal Way	3	3
Highline	5	3
Inchelium	3	3
Lake Stevens	1	1
Marysville	5	1
Methow Valley	6	1
Morton	5	3
Mount Baker	4	3
North Kitsap	5	3
Northport	4	3
Sultan	4	1
Thorp	2	1

## **BACKGROUND:**

Based on legislative authority (Chapter 208, Laws of 1995), the SBE adopted Chapter 180-18 WAC Waivers for Restructuring Purposes. Section 180-18-040 of this chapter allows school districts to apply for waivers from the minimum 180-day school year requirement with the assurance that they meet the annual minimum instructional hour offering requirements in such grades as are conducted by the school district, as prescribed in RCW 28A.150.220.

The decision to recommend approvals or non-approvals is based on the assessment of each request by a team of reviewers. While full applications will not be in the Board's agenda, Board members who want to have the full applications should contact Brad Burnham at 360-725-6029 or [brad.burnham@k12.wa.us](mailto:brad.burnham@k12.wa.us).

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**HEARING TYPE:**       X   ACTION

**DATE:**             May 14-15, 2008

**SUBJECT:**           **Delegation of Authority to Executive Director**

**SERVICE UNIT:**     Ms. Edie Harding, Executive Director,  
State Board of Education

**PRESENTER:**        Ms. Edie Harding, Executive Director,  
State Board of Education

## **BACKGROUND:**

In January 2008, the Board requested a change in its statute to enable it to delegate certain administrative authorities to its Executive Director. HB 3097 was passed by the 2008 legislature. Our assistant attorney general, Colleen Warren, has drafted a resolution behind this tab to enumerate the authorities that the Board may delegate.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

RCW 28A.305.130(7) provides the State Board of Education (Board) with the authority to “delegate to the Executive Director, by resolution, such duties as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the Board including, but not limited to, the authority to employ necessary personnel and the authority to enter into, amend and terminate contracts on behalf of the Board.”

Pursuant to the authority set forth in RCW 28A.305.130(7), the Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director the following duties:

1. The authority to enter into, amend, and terminate contracts and agreements; to incur financial obligations; and to authorize the expenditure of grant money and funds appropriated by the State Legislature; as is necessary for the performance of the Board’s duties, the fulfillment of its obligations, and the conduct of its business.
2. The authority to employ all personnel necessary to properly discharge the duties and functions of the Board, with the exception of the position of the Executive Director. This delegation of authority includes the appointment and termination of staff, development of job descriptions and classifications, the setting of salaries, the evaluation of staff, and the imposition of any discipline. The appointment of Board personnel under this delegation of authority shall be subject to the requirements set forth in RCW 28A.305.130(7).
3. The authority to prepare and submit all biennial and supplemental budget requests to the State Legislature.

The Board reserves all rights to revoke or revise this delegation of authority, in part or in whole, at any time. This delegation shall be effective as of June 12, 2008.

Done in open meeting by the Board this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008.

THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jean Ryan, Chair

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**HEARING TYPE:**    \_\_\_X\_\_\_ ACTION

**DATE:**            May 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:**         **CONTRACTS FOR APPROVAL**

**SERVICE UNIT:**    Ms. Edie Harding, Executive Director  
                          State Board of Education

**PRESENTER:**      Ms. Edie Harding, Executive Director  
                          State Board of Education

## **BACKGROUND:**

The information on Strategic Teaching and the BERC Group contracts is provided behind this tab

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the following contracts:

1. Strategic Teaching contract extension to do exemplar comparison and specific changes recommended to the K-12 math standards (\$180,300).
2. BERC Group contract to conduct a transcript study of students in 100 Schools (\$161,000).



## Strategic Teaching Contract Extension

Under SB 6534 passed by the 2008 Legislature, the State Board of Education is required to hire a national consultant to:

1. Conduct an exemplar review (“Benchmarking Report”) of the OSPI March 5, 2008 draft of the revised K-12 mathematics standards.
2. Recommend specific language changes and content changes needed to finalize K-12 standards.

The Board will extend Strategic Teaching’s contract to conduct this work for \$180,300. Below are the dates for deliverables and presentations.

Date	Scope
<u>April 1, 2008</u>	<u>Exemplar Benchmarking to Grades 2,4,8, and Algebra I to IN, CA, Singapore, National Math Panel, ADP, WA College Readiness Standards</u>
<u>April 5, 2008</u>	<u>Edits of K-8 standards</u>
<u>Mid-April 2008</u>	<u>Phone or attend SBE Meeting on K-8 standards</u>
<u>April 29, 2008</u>	<u>Standards edit and content specifications Algebra I and Geometry</u>
<u>May 1, 2008</u>	<u>Present at SBE Math Panel meeting</u>
<u>May 13, 2008</u>	<u>Finalize report on Algebra I and Geometry based on feedback to SBE</u>



<u>May 14-15, 2008</u>	<u>Present at SBE Board meeting</u>
<u>June 10, 2008</u>	<u>Standards edit and content specifications Algebra II</u>
<u>June 12 2008</u>	<u>Present at SBE Math Panel meeting</u>
<u>July 10, 2008</u>	<u>Provide content of math courses for three high school graduation credits that conforms with the standards</u>
<u>July 10, 2008</u>	<u>Finalize report on Algebra II based on feedback to SBE</u>
<u>July 23-24, 2008</u>	<u>Present at SBE Board Meeting</u>
<u>July 31, 2008</u>	<u>Finalize report</u>

The Board will go out to bid nationally for additional work to assist the Math Panel and Board on the OSPI curricular review. The work for that review will start this fall.





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## **THE BERC GROUP, INC. CONTRACT**

The Board issued a Request for Proposals in March 2008 to conduct a transcript study of 100 school districts. Three vendors submitted proposals. A committee of four, including Board member Steve Dal Porto, selected The BERC Group, Inc. to do the work.

The intent is to use the results of the study to speak accurately and with confidence about course-taking patterns of students in the state. The BERC Group will gather transcripts of 2008 graduates from a representative sample of 100 districts throughout the state and analyze them to provide information about such topics as: What does a typical senior schedule look like? What percentage of students statewide are taking courses that meet minimum college entry requirements? What courses are students who meet WASL standards taking? How many math and science courses do students really take?

The BERC group has extensive experience with transcript studies, and has logged over 30,000 transcripts in the past six years. Completion of the project is targeted for October 1, 2008, with a final presentation/report delivered to the Board at its November 2008 meeting.

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