



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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COVER: DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES UPDATE

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As related to:

- Goal One:** Develop and support policies to close the achievement and opportunity gaps.
- Goal Two:** Develop comprehensive accountability, recognition, and supports for students, schools, and districts.

- Goal Three:** Ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet career and college ready standards.
- Goal Four:** Provide effective oversight of the K-12 system.

Other

Relevant to Board roles:

- Policy Leadership
- System Oversight

- Advocacy
- Communication
- Convening and facilitating

Policy considerations/Key questions:

Related to the Board's strategic plan development and indicators of educational system health work.

Materials included in packet:

- PPT by DCYF

Synopsis:

Governor Inslee signed HB 1661 on July 6, 2017 creating the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). The DCYF will restructure how the state serves at-risk children and youth with the goal of producing better outcomes in all Washington communities. The creation of the new department follows the suggestions of the bipartisan [Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families](#) convened by the governor in February 2016 to recommend a state system that focuses more clearly on preventing harm to children and youth.

As of July 1, 2018, the new agency will oversee several services previously offered through the state Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Early Learning. These include all programs from the Children's Administration in DSHS such as Child Protective Services, the Family Assessment Response program and adoption support, as well as all DEL services.

Starting in July 2019, the new department also will administer programs offered by the Juvenile Rehabilitation office and the Office of Juvenile Justice in DSHS. Those programs include juvenile rehabilitation institutions, community facilities, and parole services.

Frank Ordway, DCYF's Director of Government and Community Affairs, will present information to the Board regarding DCYF's launch, priorities, and other information for the Board to consider during its strategic planning process.



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