

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HEARING TYPE: X INFORMATION/ NO ACTION

DATE: MARCH 27, 2008

SUBJECT: THE BLACK EDUCATION STRATEGY ROUNDTABLE

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

PRESENTER: Dr. Thelma Jackson, President, Washington Alliance of Black
School Educators (WABSE)
Dr. James Smith, Adjunct Professor, City University
Dr. Mona Bailey, Sr. Associate, Institute for Educational Inquiry

BACKGROUND

The Black Education Strategy Roundtable is a collection of Black educators from all levels, community leaders, concerned parents, corporate leaders, and community based organization leaders, who meet to address the educational needs of Black students in the state of Washington. The Roundtable began as an informal advisory group convened by the Commission on African American Affairs in 2006. Its mission is to advocate for new policies and programs, to improve the educational attainment of Black learners at all levels of education.

The presenters will speak to the Board about the purpose and activities of the Roundtable. They will also voice concerns and ideas pertaining to the meaningful high school diploma, additional math credit(s), Algebra II, teacher qualifications, and system readiness.