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Title:	Draft Retreat Structure and Discussion	
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Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	The Executive Committee would like to solicit feedback from the full Board on the general structure and content of the Board's upcoming September Retreat, to be held in Walla Walla, Washington.	
Possible Board Action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
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Synopsis:	The Executive Committee is seeking feedback on plans for the upcoming September Board Retreat. The Executive Director will put before the Board a draft structure to give Board members a flavor for the types of issues, formats, site visitations, and guest speakers under consideration.	

Draft Retreat Structure – September Board Meeting

Dates: September 25-27, 2012

Location: Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla, Washington

Purpose: Foster discussion on Board retreat structure/content and solicit feedback from the full Board.

Suggested Agenda:

September 25, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting (Typical Board Meeting Structure)

- Election of Officers
- Rule Revision Public Hearing
- Next Generation Accountability Index Discussions
- Other Presentations, as Determined by Executive Committee

September 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Facilitated Retreat Day – Four Objectives

1. Reflecting on Progress Toward Strategic Plan Goals/Re-evaluate Goals
2. Legislative Priorities for the Coming Year
3. New Ideas Forum – New Ideas for Policy Proposals Generated by Board Members and Staff
4. Invited Speaker – Ideas
 - Out-of-State Leader with Experience in Next Generation Accountability System Development/Implementation.
 - Futurist – What Does Education Look Like in The Years?

September 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

(Site visitation linked to strategic plan)

Site visitation in the Walla Walla Community – TBD

Possibilities:

- School District Site Visitation Options
 - Professional Learning Communities – Goal 4 (Educator Workforce)
 - Language Acquisition/ELL – Goal 2 (Achievement Gap)
- Walla Walla Community College Workforce Development Initiatives

Note: Retreat structure may have to adapt to availability of site visitation locations.

Retreat Planning Discussion & Feedback

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Logistics

1. Site: Marcus Whitman Hotel & Walla Walla Community College

2. Structure:
 - September 25th – Traditional Board Meeting Structure
 - September 26th – Retreat Day
 - September 27th – School/Site Visitation (1/2 day)

Board Discussion & Feedback

Proposed Goals of the Retreat:

1. Review Progress on Strategic Plan
 - Focus on indicators of student performance, possible revisions
 - Particular focus on accountability system work
2. Discuss/Develop Legislative Priorities
 - Staff will come with a brainstorm list
3. Elect Board Leadership
4. Fresh Perspectives - Invited Speaker & Site Visit

Retreat Days (2 & 3)

- Guest Speaker –
 - Cabinet-level executive from State that has made advances in next generation accountability systems (Index development, etc)
 - “Lessons learned” format
 - Part presentation, part interactive discussion
- Site visit – Discussions with Walla Walla School District; possibilities:
 - ELL models of instruction
 - High School to Post-secondary/career transitions (e.g. skill center site at WWCC)

Feedback

- Facilitation strategy
- Particular site visit interests not represented
- Other feedback