

**ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**  
**House Education Chair Advisory Committee**

**July 9, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

*In attendance:* Chairman Andrew Brenner, Tony Podojil, Mike Dovilla, Brian Poe, Keith Bell, Rick Edwards, Chad Hillicker and Dave Toth

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 am in the BASA Conference Room.

**I. Legislative Update**

**A. Biennium Budget – Funding**

Rep. Brenner shared his perspective in terms of the final version of the budget and the governor's vetoes. Overall, the lack of revenue had a profound impact on shaping what the General Assembly was able to accomplish with this budget. The impact of the rising costs associated with Medicare overshadowed all other priorities including the education budget.

He pointed out that Medicare costs could, if not checked in the future, exceed 60% of the overall budget. If that occurs, he foresees less funding being available for education and possibly, the need to establish a specific percentage target otherwise funding will continue to erode.

He also indicated that caps, guarantees, fair funding levels and TPP reimbursement dominated the discussions around school funding. The decrease in projected state revenue made any changes in the formula difficult to propose and in response, a less than adequate attempt to meet the areas above.

**B. Biennium Budget – High School Graduation Requirements**

The group discussed the addition the Senate made to the budget bill that changes the graduation requirements for the class of 2018. Rep. Brenner indicated that the time to begin a broader discussion with the State Board of Education and the General Assembly on an approach to meeting the graduation standard other than the testing requirements should begin immediately for the class of 2019 and beyond.

**C. Biennium Budget – RESA**

With the veto by the Governor, RESA remains based on the current rules structure. The group concurred that reducing the program to two years and making the videotaping component a local option was the preferred approach.

D. **Biennium Budget – Testing**

The group concurred that the elimination of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies tests was a step in the right direction. With the upcoming submission of the ESSA application under consideration by the State Board this month, Rep. Brenner emphasized his support that the Ohio plan be designed around meeting solely the federal requirements, which would leave any additional requirements in the hands of the General Assembly and State School Board.

E. **HB 176/181 – Common Core/Standards**

Rep. Brenner updated the committee on the status of both HB176 and 181 of which, both are seeking a repeal of the standards. In addition to repealing the standards, there is provision to ban the development of a statewide model curriculum. The group reaffirmed their position of support for the current standards and the process in place for future revisions. In addition, there was no support from the group for the banning of the model curriculum.

Chad Hillicker indicated he would develop a response to both bills that he would share with the group. Rep. Brenner requested that members of the group consider providing testimony in committee when this bills return for further discussion in September. The group agreed to provide interested testimony once the sessions have been schedule.

F. **Value-added**

Rep. Brenner indicated that he continues to have an ongoing concern in how value-added is calculated and used in the state report card. He is in support of a measure that would display year-to-year progress rather than the current method that juxtaposes progress against all other students. This is a topic we can further discuss when we meet again in September.

II. **Next Steps**

**A. Graduation Requirements**

In response to Rep. Brenner's request, the group agreed to begin to formulate a position on how best to address an approach to the graduation requirements that allows for more than one measure of attainment and includes some of the alternative pathways that are now available for the class of 2018.

**B. Providing Testimony on HB176/181**

As indicated above, Chad Hillicker is going to review both bills and provided the group with several talking points for review and then inclusion in the testimony to on both bills.

IV. **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be **September 11, 10:00 AM in the BASA Conference room.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.