

**ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**  
**Accountability Committee**

**March 21, 2018**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

*In attendance on phone conference:* Cameron Ryba, Robert Scott, Kathy Powers, Tom Reed, Mike Hanlon and Tony Podojil.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by phone conference at 11:00 a.m.

I. **Project Initiatives**

A. **HB512 - Department of Learning and Achievement**

Tony provided the committee with an update on the status associated with HB512 as it begins to hearings in the House Government Oversight and Accountability Committee. He informed the committee that with members of the Executive Committee had met with Representative Reineke, the sponsor of the bill to gain a better insight into the rationale behind the bill and to raise some questions related to how this new governance structure would work.

Currently, the bill has met opposition from the education organizations, the state board of education and a large contingent of home school parents. Those on the call shared the conversations they have had with local representatives and the consensus at this point is the bill, while it has identified a relevant problem in terms of how decisions are processed, it does not have the support of the majority of the Republican caucus.

Tony encouraged those on the call to stay in contact with the House representatives as this bill moves through the committee hearing process. The executive committee will be discussing a strategy when they meet again at the end of this month.

B. **State Report Card - Representative Duffy's Proposal**

The committee reviewed the document that Representative Duffy (Worthington, Dublin) is working on that would make significant changes to the state school report card. Based on a review of the document, the committee felt that what he was proposing was a step in the right direction. Moving away from grades and the ranking of districts and shifting to a dashboard approach that would provide data on a district was certainly preferable to the present approach.

In terms of what the committee would like to see in a new state report card, simplify the report, making value-added easy to explain, focusing on student growth over achievement, and an attempt to level the playing field in terms of holding schools accountable (K-3 Literacy measure for example).

The Alliance has been working with the education organizations as they meet with Rep. Duffy in interested parties meeting. Rep. Duffy is scheduled to appear

in front of the State Board in March. Based on that, we could anticipate a release sometime soon after that meeting.

Depending on the release date of the bill and the timeline regarding testimony, we will need to meet as a committee to discuss how best to support this effort as it begins to be discussed by the General Assembly.

### **C. Graduation Requirements**

Tony updated the committee on the status regarding the discussions at the state board regarding whether the changes made to the graduation pathways would continue for students who graduate after 2019. This is an item currently under review and we should anticipate an answer before the end of the school year.

Rep. Brenner has indicated that he is considering introducing his own bill addressing graduation requirements in the House Education Committee. He is especially likely to consider this if the state board falls to act. We should have a clearer understanding on how the state board entails to move once they meet in April.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 18, **10:00 AM by phone conference.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.