

**ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE/SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**March 15, 2018
1:00 P.M.
MEETING SUMMARY**

In attendance on phone conference: Beth Weber, Andy Hill, Bill Wade, Karen Naber and Tony Podojil.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by phone conference at 1:00 p.m.

I. Current Political Landscape/Legislative 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 be heard in the House Government Oversight and Accountability Committee. He informed the committee that members of the Executive Committee had met with Representative Reineke, the sponsor of the bill on Monday of this week 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 (OSBA, BASA, OASBO), 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 currently made, 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. SB216 – Deregulation

Tony informed the committee that SB216 passed out of the Senate Education Committee by a unanimous vote and will be considered for a vote out of the Senate shortly. Representative Brenner shared that he was inclined to accept the bill as is, once it moves over to the House Education Committee. He did indicate he might consider adding several other provisions to the bill including graduation requirements and revisions to the state report card.

Regardless of what occurs in the House and when the bill is considered, the State Board of Education is also considering the changes proposed to the gifted operating rules. Based on their decision-making process and the response to the changes being considered, there is a good likelihood that those changes will be adopted by the full board when they meet again in April.

C. State Report Card - Representative Duffy's Proposal

The committee was informed that Representative Duffy (Worthington, Dublin) is working on a bill that would make some significant changes to the state school report card. Based on a review of the document that Rep. Duffy had sent to members of the General Assembly, the committee felt that it 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 (OSBA, BASA, OASBO) as they meet with Rep. Duffy in interested parties meeting. We anticipate the bill to be released soon. He is slated to appear in front of the State Board in April. Based on that, we could anticipate a release sometime soon after that meeting.

The Accountability committee will be meeting next week to begin discussing our strategy in terms of how best to support this effort as it begins to be discussed by the General Assembly.

II. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be **April 11, 10:00 AM by phone conference if necessary.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.