



Accountability Committee

February 17, 2021

11:15 A.M.

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance on the Zoom conference: Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and members from 15 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by Zoom conference at 11:15 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update the committee on the State Report Card and the Financial Literacy bill.

Financial Literacy Credit Requirement

Jessica gave an overview of SB 1, Financial Literacy, sponsored by Senator Wilson and Senator McColley. This legislation was introduced during the last General Assembly and was part of Lane Duck. It has had several hearings in the Senate Education committee. Several stakeholders, educational organizations, and businesses worked on SB1 for over the last two years. Senator Wilson's bill requires teaching a .5 elective credit on finance at the high school level, beginning with the 2021/22 school year.

Jessica will keep members posted on the progress of this bill and the need to connect with their representatives in terms of expressing their concerns with the bill. At some point, we will be testifying on the bill.

Planning for Extended Learning

Jessica informed the committee that prior to the February 9th press conference no one knew that the Governor was going to be making the announcement that districts would be required to develop extended learning plans and that those plans were to be completed by April 1. It was a surprise to everyone across the state. Last Thursday, ODE did publish a FAQs in Ed. Connection. ODE, OESCA and the Governor's office are still discussing details and guidance.

Jessica mentioned that districts could reach out to the ESC's as the ESC's are also working on a template for the report.

Remote Learning

Districts are asking for more guidance for next school year concerning a permanent online learning system. Several concerns, by both districts and parents, are the ability to continue to offer

remote learning even after the pandemic issues have passed. Districts welcome some standardization of the rules around on-line learning related to attendance, grading, funding? What requirements would a parent and student need to meet to stay remote?

EMIS Report

Tony informed the committee that there is an EMIS report that is due on broadband access which seeks to determine what type of access each student has at their home including the computer they are using. Districts are concerned about privacy issues related to the disclosure of that information and worry many will not complete the survey.

State Report Card Revision - Individual Components/Composite/Rating System

Tony and Jessica presented an update on the status of the state report card revision process. Tony and Jessica continue to work with BASA, OASBO, OSBA, ODE and meet with representatives from Ohio Excels, the Ohio 8, Fordham, Columbus City, and the Gifted Student Association discussing and attempting to formulate a consensus around potential state report card reform.

Report Card Reform is a priority, and we hope to see it completed and passed as part of the budget. The Senate is working on a stand-alone bill, it is our understanding that the House, thru Rep. Jones, who is no longer the House Ed Chair, but in Health Leadership, is still working on the reform bill. It is likely there will be two competing report card bills, one in the Senate and one in the House, however, we believe most of the language in the bills will be similar, with differences related to the overall summative rating of the system.

Alliance members prefer to move from grades or use a descriptive system. Some stakeholders want to keep the A-F system. The Senate and the House are still trying to navigate which report card reporting feature to use and how that impacts programs such as EdChoice as well as when districts are classified as takeover possibilities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be via Zoom invite on Wednesday, March 17th at 11:15am.

The meeting adjourned at noon.