

# ALLIANCE FOR HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2020

11:30 A.M.

## MEETING SUMMARY

***In attendance on phone conference:*** Aaron Sable, Andrea Celico, Fred Bolden, Mike Hanlon, Jason Niedermyer, Jennifer Farthing, Kathy Powers, Keith Kelly, Norm Potter, Pat Ciccantelli, Robert Hardis, Robert Scott, Trent Bowers, Jessica Voltolini, and Tony Podojil.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by phone conference at 11:35 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update the committee on the status of the State Report Card Revision process.

### I. State Report Card Revision Process- Status

Tony and Jessica presented information on the current status related to the state report card reform process. They shared the report produced by the Joint Legislative Report Card Study Committee that was delivered to the General Assembly on December 15, 2019. They indicated that they have been working with several stakeholder groups (BASA, OASBO, OSBA, Ohio Excels, Ohio 8, Fordham, Columbus City and the Gifted Student Association) discussing and formulating consensus around potential state report card reform, including the following:

- Achievement
- Value-Added
- Gap Closing
- Graduation Rate
- K-3 Literacy
- Prepared for Success
- Overall Rating System/A-F Letter Grades

### Alliance Positions

The committee focused their discussion on the A-F letter grade system where feedback is needed in regard to what could potentially replace the A to F system if we move in that direction. Conversations have centered around returning to a more descriptive system or changing the grades to a system that uses stars, which would be more aligned with the state's early childhood education rating system. The concept of using a dashboard on a 100-point scale, with different categories, is still being discussed as well, but has not gathered much support.

An overview of some of the other changes being discussed include the following regarding the Achievement Component:

- Eliminating a grade for Indicators Met and instead report this data only; PI would be the only graded measure for the Achievement Component.
- Move the Gifted Indicator measure to Gap Closing
- Move Chronic Absentee measure to Gap Closing

- Remove the science and social studies test from the PI calculation
- Add a .8 indicator to the PI calculation
- Recalculate the PI ceiling to reflect an overall achievement level and then work down from that ceiling when establishing cut off levels.

Other areas under discussion include:

- How Value-Added should it be graded in terms of using a one-year, or three-year average, or three-year weighted average.
- Creating a blended Graduation Rate report using a 4-year and 5-year cohort rate that would weight 60 % for year 4 and 40% for year 5. In addition, it would report out the percentage of students in special education program that are continuing their education beyond their graduation cohort year.
- Retooling the K-3 Literacy Measure to focus both on the progress struggling readers are making as well as the overall promotion/passing rate to fourth grade based on the reading subscore of the third grade ELA assessment.

Jessica indicated that we would put together a summary document listing the issues and where the organizations and the department are in terms of the report card changes and how best to move forward on the issues as a group.

#### **A. Meetings with Stakeholder Groups**

##### **a. BASA/OASBO/OSBA**

We have been meeting with the education organizations together with the ODE and the State Superintendents. Those meetings have been focused on getting ODE and the four organizations on the same page regarding proposed report card changes.

##### **b. Ohio Excels/Fordham/Ohio 8/Columbus City SD/Gifted Student Association**

We continue to meet with these stakeholders as they attempt to arrive at a consensus on reforms to the report card. At some point, the discussions between all stakeholders will need to merge to address the areas where a consensus has not yet been reached.

#### **III. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be **February 20, 2020, at 10:30 AM by phone conference.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.