



Accountability Committee

**January 20, 2021
11:00 A.M.**

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance on the Zoom conference: Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and members from 12 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting by Zoom conference at 11:08 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update the committee and receive feedback on the State Report Card Revision process.

I. State Report Card Reform (please see additional document)

Tony presented an update on the status related to the state report card reform process. He indicated that he and Jessica continue to work with Senator Blessing, Senator Brenner, BASA, OASBO, OSBA and ODE in meetings that have restarted since the delay due to COVID. In addition, Tony and Jessica have continued to 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.

Tony asked members to offer feedback or give suggestions on what could be used if the state were to move from grades or a descriptive system. He mentioned that some stakeholders want to keep the A-F system and that ODE must still meet the Federal Requirements in which they need to identify the bottom 5%, the next 15% under needs improvements and the remainder 80% meeting standards.

Districts have voiced their concern for the use of letter grades/percentages to rank schools and would like to move away from the use of them. They also realize that the media and community will automatically turn anything developed into a letter grade and/or a ranking. Districts would prefer to have descriptive narratives either with grades or without.

Districts would like to remove “fails” in the terminology as it is not an accurate rating for any district. Although comparisons will always be made, no matter what is used, grades seem to be a bad reflection of a districts accomplishments or areas that need support. Community feedback from our members indicates that parents would like a more comprehensive understanding of the district such as the ‘Quality Profile’ rather than just the “grade”.

After reviewing the attached material districts sent prior to the meeting, the group felt that the terminology used by State of New York was a good starting point in terms of a narrative description. Tony indicated he would send out a hybrid approach for the group to review and provide feedback that could be shared with the Executive Committee when they meet next week.

II. **Next Meeting**

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

The meeting adjourned at noon.