



## **Accountability Committee**

**March 17, 2021**

**11:15 A.M.**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

***In attendance on the Zoom conference:*** Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and members from 19 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 State Report Card revisions.

#### **State Report Card Revision - Update**

A legislative overview of HB200 was sent to members prior to the meeting for review. House Bill 200 was released last week and reflects the work of the Educational Organizations and Rep. Jones. We did spend time with this group prior to the March shutdown due to COVID but did not participate in the development of the final product.

We have also been working on a Report Card reform bill with a group consisting of the Ohio 8, Columbus City, Fordham, The Gifted Association and Ohio Excels. We are anticipating that based on that work, Senator Brenner will be introducing a bill next week. Both HB 200 and the anticipated Senate version address many of the priorities we set out to achieve when we first started this process, but both have some drawbacks that need to be addressed.

The committee discussed several areas in HB200 including:

- The lack of specificity in the early literacy component related to charting progress and addressing an accountability measure for K-2 buildings. Use of promotion rate as only measure may not be supported by the Urban schools.
- The use of 6 performance indicators instead of 4 or 5.
- A positive response to the elimination of grades and the move to descriptors.
- Adding the multiplier of .8 to the list of categories for the purpose of determining the performance index score.
- Reporting data only in the Prepared for Success component which aligns with an Alliance priority.
- Gap Closing
  - Moving the subgroup accountability from a ratio of 15 to 20
- Challenge is the concept of grades vs descriptions, picking one would be able to simplify things and then moving on to what each means is more important than what is used.

- Value Added piece
  - Should we use the current year, an average of 3 years (credit for growth of students) or one or the other. Allowing districts to select which method may not follow the Federal guidelines.
  - If averaging is used, how do you weight the years being used.

The committee agreed that there are many components of HB200 that the Alliance should support. The goal will be to provide testimony as a proponent to HB200 once hearings begin but also point out those areas that we would like to see changed. That testimony will be shared with the group prior to testimony being given.

### **Senate Next Steps**

Jessica will send members a copy of the Senate version once it becomes available.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be via Zoom invite on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 11:15am.

The meeting adjourned at noon.