

Accountability Committee Summary

February 11th, 2013

The Accountability Committee met on February 11th for a continuation of their Safe Harbor discussion, and to discuss Annual Measureable Objectives, Gap Closing and K-3 Literacy.

Safe Harbor

The SBOE must make recommendations to the General Assembly to create a one-year safe harbor to exempt districts and schools from sanctions or penalties for the first year of the new PARCC-developed assessments are administered. Chris Woolard presented options for consideration. After much discussion, the Committee agreed on

- One-Year Reprieve from Sanctions
- Report 2014-15 Composite Grade, including 2014-15 Performance Index.
- If PI Safe Harbor provisions are met, then district or school would be exempt (for one year) from sanctions based on the Composite Grade or Performance Index.

Gap Closing and AMOs

Tina Thomas-Manning facilitated a discussion around Gap Closing and AMOs. AMOs or Annual Measureable Objectives are the target proficiency goals for all students in reading and mathematics that are required under NCLB. AMOs are also determined for subgroup (n=30 or more) participation rate, attendance rate and graduation rate. The methodology for calculating the AMO component of the letter grade required under House Bill 555 has been established in Ohio's ESEA Flexibility Waiver that was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on May 29, 2012. The Committee was asked to approve adopting the grading scale that is in the esea waiver. The Committee unanimously approved.

K-3 Literacy Component

Sasheen Philips led the first of many conversations on the K-3 Literacy measure – no final decisions are needed now. Later this year, the committee will choose the actual measure for K-3 Literacy and set the grade benchmarks.

Communications Update

Tina Thomas-Manning reviewed screenshots of the LRC pages on ODE's website. A new mailbox is open for public feedback, and the LRC page is updated weekly. Stakeholder feedback will continue to be sought.

LRC Design Update

Beth Juillerat gave a quick update on the LRC design, saying exploratory meetings are being scheduled with vendors who are experts in data visualization. There will be more information to come in future Accountability Committee meetings in regard to design.