

Accountability Committee of the State Board of Education February 20, 2013 – Meeting Summary

Review of Decisions from February 11th Meeting (Gap Closing)

The Committee reviewed decisions made to date around the Achievement Component, the Graduation Rate Component, and the Gap Closing Component. Specific attention was given to number of “A”s, “B”s and “F”s in the annual measurable objectives (AMOs) measure within the Gap Closing component relative to the distribution of those grades in other measures. The committee agreed that the selected grade scales selected for Gap Closing result in a distribution that is not aligned with the other measures.

The Committee reviewed options for changing the Gap Closing grade scales, ultimately requesting additional simulations. Additionally, the Committee agreed with Michael Sawyers’ suggestion that ODE staff and a committee member contact the U.S. Department of Education to gain more insight on what modifications would be permissible.

Value-Added & Review of Measure

Dr. Cohen reviewed Value-Added, explaining that it is a statistical measure of tendencies over time. Value-Added looks at the effectiveness of a school, a district, or a teacher in moving kids forward, rather than the measure of the growth of an individual student. Because of the specificity in law, the committee does not need to set the grade scales. Dr. Cohen reviewed each of the Value-Added measures and offered to show an alternative for how the lowest 20% of students in achievement are identified. The committee will review options at a later meeting.

Review Dropout Recovery Report Card

Dr. Shibley explained that the charge from HB 555 is to prescribe the performance levels and benchmarks for three indicators – graduation rates, high school assessment passage rates, and the annual measurable objectives (AMOs).

Dr. Shibley also recommended the committee consider creating a definition in rules for Dropout Prevention and Recovery schools. Rules for the Dropout Prevention and Recovery report card must be adopted by June 2013. Dr. Shibley reviewed data and summaries of what other states have put into place. The Committee asked for further examples, and requested a breakdown by school for the February 27th meeting.

Communications Update

Dr. Woolard gave an update, reviewing a timeline document and explaining that focus groups will be convened with an external facilitator to review a mockup of the LRC design. Feedback will be gathered and a report will be presented to the full Board at the April meeting.

LRC Design Update

Mrs. Juillerat recommended that the production of the LRC move forward using resources within ODE. The LRC will utilize a design firm already on contract ODE, Micro Strategies software, and an external SharePoint site. Additional ODE staff will be put in place to work on the LRC.