STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
GRADUATION RATE COMPONENT AND SAFE HARBOR MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 6, 2013

The members of the Accountability Committee (Chair Tom Gunlock, Vice-Chair Bryan Williams, Mike Collins, Stephanie Dodd, and Mark Smith) gathered to continue discussion on the achievement measures, designate grade ranges for the graduation measures and discuss the recommendations for "Safe Harbor".

The committee considered several options for a performance index weight given to students who are accelerated a grade and score "advanced" on a state assessment. The weight of 1.3 was unanimously adopted. The committee received several options for combining performance index and performance indicators into an achievement component grade. The options uncovered complications with the method of combining grades and ODE staff wanted to return to the committee with a new method after more measure grading scales are adopted.

The committee heard a background on the graduation rate and reviewed three grade range options for the 4-year and 5-year graduation rates. After discussing each option, the committee unanimously adopted the following grade scales:

4-Year Graduation Rate
- A = 93% - 100%
- B = 89% - 92.9%
- C = 84% - 88.9%
- D = 79% - 83.9%
- F = Less than 79%

5-Year Graduation Rate
- A = 95% - 100%
- B = 90% - 94.9%
- C = 85% - 89.9%
- D = 80% - 84.9%
- F = Less than 80%

The committee heard proposals for the board to consider when creating legislative recommendations on a "Safe Harbor" from sanctions triggered by a decrease in performance index score caused by the switch to new, harder state assessments. After a vigorous discussion, the committee asked ODE to return next week with more proposals and examples.

The committee was given an introduction of upcoming work on the dropout recovery report card that will take place over the next few weeks. There were also previews of the annual measureable objectives and the Third Grade Reading Guarantee in anticipation of next week's meeting.