



# Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

**Date: October 24, 2024**

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*Council members present:* Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Dave Cash, Dean Manke, John Hagan, Sheila Vitale, William Watson, Adam Clark

*Department staff in attendance:* Colleen Grady, Bryan Hoynacke, Lindsay Popa, Jessica Lauric, Aaron Riggins, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

John Hagan called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. With seven members present, a quorum was met.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bill Watson made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Dave Cash seconded the motion. July 2024 minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.

## **IDENTIFICATION DASHBOARD**

Bryan Hoynacke, associate administrator with the Office of School and District Improvement, provided an overview of Ohio's Identification Dashboard. The Identification Dashboard, a system created in conjunction with the Office of School and District Improvement, the Office of Accountability, and the data management team, is a system that supports schools and districts based on their needs for improvement. Bryan explained how to utilize and navigate the dashboard to view identified schools as well as their needed areas of focus. The council also discussed the funding related to identified schools. Additional information was requested regarding the percentage of identification funding that is used specifically for dropout prevention and recovery schools.

## **REPORT CARD OVERVIEW**

Jessica Lauric and Lindsay Popa with the Office of Accountability provided a presentation on the 2023-2024 Dropout Prevention and Recovery report card data. The report card components were discussed as well as the differences between the Traditional Report Card and DOPR Report Card. The council requested a report card webinar to be hosted for all Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools.



### **FUNDING FOLLOW-UP**

The Council previously requested information related to funding if the DOPR services were expanded to age 24. Colleen Grady shared that an estimated cost would be approximately an additional \$1.1 million for each additional 100 students. The council also inquired on the possibility of an increase transportation funding and or a voucher program. Colleen shared that this would require legislative change, and a resolution would be needed. The Department legislative staff is working with other state agencies to identify possible funding sources for community schools.

### **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

The Council will provide possible resolution ideas to Department staff by November 14. Department staff will have drafts written to be discussed at the November 19 meeting.

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE UPDATES**

Ohio was recently awarded a new \$60 million federal literacy grant; additional information on the application process will be released soon. New legislative changes went into effect the week of October 20, including changes to religious expression and sponsor evaluation. Several upcoming events of interest were provided, such as open office hours, webinars, and conferences.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave Cash seconded the motion. There were no objections offered. Chair Hagan adjourned the Council meeting 12:06 pm.