



Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Date: March 23, 2026

Council members present: Adam Clark, Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Dave Cash, Dean Manke, Jennifer Schorr, John Hagan, Mark Lamoncha, Sheila Vitale, Tiffany Delong, William Watson

Department staff in attendance: Colleen Grady, Lori Wood, Jackie Carlin, Bethany Thompson, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. With ten members present, a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

William Watson made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Adam Clark seconded the motion. January 2026 minutes were approved unanimously.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANTS

Jackie Carlin provided updates regarding the Charter School Program Grant and State Facilities Incentive Grant. Eligibility lists have been posted and will be updated annually, and RFAs will be posted within the coming weeks. Jaclyn also provided allowable uses for the grants, as well the office's plans for future trainings and informational webinars.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL ONE PLANS

Lori Wood discussed the community school One Plans and school improvement. Lori explained that the focus areas for school improvement are literacy, math, and chronic absenteeism. The Office of Community Schools created a One Plan review checklist to remain clear and consistent, with expectations known ahead of time for best planning. Lori discussed common issues noted, as well as items the Office will be looking for in a school's One Plan: integration of IMTSS, continuum of supports, team-based problem solving, collaboration, and progress monitoring.

RULE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council reviewed the rules pertaining to Dropout Prevention and Recovery schools and discussed revisiting for potential revisions. The group is considering circulating the rules for stakeholder input and possible workgroup sessions. The Council also discussed a prior draft rule that would have required community schools to submit their financial forecasts into EMIS. This rule was never put into effect, however the Council is interested in hearing from the Department fiscal staff and treasurers for potential operational impacts, should it be reintroduced.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The following updates were provided to the Council.

- AI policy adoption due July 1– Department’s model policy can be found [here](#)
- One Plans (Cohort 3 schools and schools needing to revise their plans) are due to be submitted to the Department no later than April 30
- The Department will offer another window to review ELA materials late summer/early fall this year.
- Special education profile webinars available April 14, 1-3 pm and April 23, 9:30 – 11:30 am. More information [here](#).
- 3/30: Deadline to [join Stay in the Game! as an Attendance All-Star](#)
- 4/1: [Applications](#) due for Ohio’s State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children (SAPEC)
- 4/2: Special education [monthly supports and monitoring](#) webinar
- 4/17: [Academic success webinar](#) series

Colleen Grady also provided updates to the diagnostic assessments for K-3 reading and mathematics.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council has elected to cancel the April Advisory Council meeting. The Council has chosen May 14 at 11:00 a.m. for the next meeting. William Watson made a motion to approve the upcoming schedule, Cris Gulacy-Worrel seconded the motion.

The Council requested updates to the new Adult Diploma Program redesign.

ADJOURNMENT

Dean Manke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and William Watson seconded the motion. There were no objections offered. Chair Hagan adjourned the Council meeting at 12:34 p.m.