



TO: Indiana State Board of Education
FROM: Office of School Accountability, Indiana Department of Education
RE: Discussion Items for November 4, 2015 Business Meeting
DATE: October 27, 2015

This memorandum provides information on the following:

- Board Approval of the Growth to Proficiency Table for the New A-F Model
- Department Communication of the New A-F Model

Board Approval of the Growth to Proficiency Table for the New A-F Model

Pursuant to 511 IAC 6.2-10-2, growth points shall be based on a growth to proficiency table as approved and published by the Board for the new student-centered accountability system. Prior to approving the final growth to proficiency table, the board must provide public notice of the table at least thirty (30) days prior to taking final action, and accept and consider public comment. In taking final action to approve the table, the board must also establish the date by which the table will take effect.

The growth to proficiency table, also referred to as the observed growth values table, uses each student's prior year assessment status and current year observed growth to demonstrate growth toward proficiency. The table was the product of the work of the Accountability System Review Panel.

At this time, no growth to proficiency table has been approved by the Board because of its desire to utilize 2014/2015 assessment data to analyze different options. Once the Department receives pre-rescore data from the 2014/2015 ISTEP+ assessment, it will begin running the data on different variations of the table to present to the Board for consideration. This work will be done in collaboration between the Department and Dr. Molly Chamberlin, and in consultation with Board staff.

The Department anticipates bringing forth this information to the Board at its December 2015 business meeting for discussion, with action taken at the January 2016 business meeting. The public comment period begins after the Board takes action at the January 2016 business meeting, allowing the Board to take final action and adopt the table at its February or March business meeting. Again, this timeline is contingent upon when the Department receives the 2014/2015 pre-rescore ISTEP+ assessment data.

Communication of the New A-F Model

The Department will be launching its updated webpage for the new student-centered accountability system during the first week of November (<http://www.doe.in.gov/accountability/indiana-student-centered-accountability>). This page will

provide multiple levels of presentations on the new system tailored to the audience's level of background knowledge. For example, parents and community stakeholders who want to learn about the new system but are not familiar with school accountability can watch a presentation that provides them with the basic information they need to know to understand how the system works. The page will also include additional resources for the public to review and familiarize itself with the new system, including an FAQ document, the administrative rule language, and sample report card layouts. This information was developed by the Department and Dr. Chamberlin. Additionally, multiple stakeholders were consulted to review and provide feedback on the resource materials. The Department is excited to share this information with the public to properly educate all stakeholders on school accountability in Indiana.

In addition to the resource materials and webpage, Department and Board staff will be presenting on the new A-F system at the Fall Conference for the Indiana Association of School Principals in November. Deputy Superintendent Shockey will also be sharing this information during the month of November as she meets with school administrators throughout the state.

Upon completion of the 2014/2015 A-F calculation process, the Department will be running grades based on the new A-F system. This information will be shared with schools, and professional development opportunities will be available to walk through the new model and new report card roster to gain a deeper understanding of the new model. The Department's hopes that this information provides schools a concrete example of how the new model differs from the old so that a school can see how it will be impacted under the new model.

Please feel free to contact Maggie Paino at mpaino@doe.in.gov if you have any questions about the material covered in this memorandum prior to the November 4th Board meeting.