MOVING TOWARDS STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

20 JUNE 2017

Some Background on ESSA and Vermont State Accountability
Board Interactions
- Reviewing the Integrated Field Review Results
- Identifying Alignment Between Snapshot and Act 46 Alternative Structures Rules
Today--Weighting Measures
Next Meeting--Accountability Standards for Schools
Emphasis in ESSA and Education Quality Review plans is placed on Continuous Improvement.

Education Quality Reviews include:

- Annual Snapshot - A dashboard of quantitative measures
  - Snapshot measures largely address elements required in statute and Rules
- Integrated Field Reviews - local visits to Supervisory Unions/Districts
  - Integrated Field Reviews help us to understand what is happening in School Systems and Statewide
THE STATE PLAN FRAMES THESE INTERRELATIONSHIPS:

EDUCATION QUALITY REVIEWS (EQRs)

EDUCATION QUALITY STANDARDS (EQS)
Provides a policy baseline when identifying data points

ANNUAL SNAPSHOT
State and federal school and LEA performance data

INTEGRATED FIELD REVIEWS (IFRs)
Collaboratively processing data to identify strengths and recommendations

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLANS
Addressing recommendations through action planning
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PREPARING FOR STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

ESSA

- Required us to describe weights and measures in our accountability work—Vermont’s response does this for the “Academic Proficiency”
- We will use the same approach for how we create that Domain at the State Level.

ESSA WEIGHTS (for a PK-12 system)

- ELA 20%
- Math 20%
- Science 5%
- PE 5%
- Graduation 20%
- EL 10%
- College and Career Ready Assessment 10%
- Alumni College and Career Outcomes 10%
WHAT ARE THE OTHER INDICATORS OF EDUCATION QUALITY?

Same as under No Child Left Behind:
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New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:
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**Personalization**
1. Flexible Pathways
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**Safe, Healthy Schools**
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**Investment Priorities**
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DISCUSSION- DOMAIN LEVEL SCORING

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

- Options to create **Domain- level** reports
  - Write your name on a post-it
  - Straw Poll- Non-binding
    - Place it on poster #3
      - **NO WEIGHTING** - measures are equivalent within Domains, indicators are equivalent within measures
      - **WEIGHTING** - some measures are more important than others within Domains
  - Be prepared to describe why you placed it where you did

WEIGHTING EXAMPLES

- **SAFE, HEALTHY SCHOOLS**
  - No Weighting
    - Disciplinary Exclusion 50%
    - School Climate 50%
      - Student Perception 25%
      - Staff Perception 25%
  - Weighting (example)
    - Disciplinary Exclusion 25%
    - School Climate 75%
      - Student Perception 50%
      - Staff Perception 25%
AOE will take today’s Board Discussion to formulate a plan for Domain Level Scoring for further discussion in October and decision in November.

AOE will prepare for October Board Presentation regarding application of Domain Scores to determinations for state level accountability.
APPENDIX A- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES
WHICH SNAPSHOT INDICATORS ALSO MEET ESSA?

1. Standards
   A. Smarter Balanced ELA
   B. Smarter Balanced Math
   C. NGSS Science
   D. PE/Fitness

2. English Language Proficiency
3. Graduation Rate
4. Career and College Ready
   A. Assessments
   B. Outcomes

ELA and Math

Same as under No Child Left Behind:
- Will use the Smarter Balanced Assessments for ELA and Math; will also use DLM equivalent

New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:
- Will use scale score rather than proficiency
- Will introduce a three-year growth score to have equal weight with scale score
- Will test 9th grade rather than 11th grade
WHY SCALE AND NOT PERCENT PROFICIENT

Scale

- **Every student** who improves their scale score, improves the standing of the school
- Incentivizes **supporting each and every student** to improve their performance
- Intentionally recognizes **improvement at all levels** of performance
- **Can report all data** if all students are proficient or are not without violating privacy rules.

Percent Proficient

- **Only students** who cross over the threshold for proficiency, improves the standing of the school
- Unintentionally incentivizes **supporting some students** - those who are nearest the threshold to become proficient, aka “bubble kids”
- **Fails to notice improvement** unless the student crosses the proficiency bar
- **Cannot report data** when 100% of students are proficient, or are not proficient, as this violates student privacy.
GROWTH SCORE

- Identify students who have similar scores in the starting grade
- Group all students in the state with similar profiles
- Track their performance over 3 years
- Assign a relative score
- Average relative scores for all students in the grade level.
  - If school A taught Samuel and Jeff only their growth score would be 1.5;
  - If school B taught George and Bill only their growth score would be 3.5.
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**NGSS And PE**

*Same as under No Child Left Behind:*
- Will still test science in 5, 8 and 11

*New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:*
- NGSS aligned science assessment (in development)
- Science assessment will be used for accountability
- PE/Fitness assessment through Fitnessgram, grades to be determined
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2. English Language Proficiency

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   Same as under No Child Left Behind:
   • Use of the ACCESS assessment- new version
   • Measure both “becoming proficient” and making progress towards “proficient”

New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:
   • All students are screened using the same tool.
   • Students can have different rates for reaching proficiency depending on starting level
   • Embedded in Title I accountability- used to be separate
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Graduation Rate

Same as under No Child Left Behind:
• 4-year cohort graduation rate
• Calculated the same way as NCLB

New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:
• We have added a 6-year cohort graduation rate
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Career and College Readiness
Same as under No Child Left Behind:
• None, a new measure

New Under Vermont EQR and ESSA:
• A measure looking at if students are ready for college and career based on a range of assessments
• A measure looking at if alumni are engaged in career or college within 16 months of graduation
• Collected via existing data systems or state data sharing agreements
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