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Below are highlights of the January 28, 2019, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

2018-2019 A-F Accountability

The Board adopted the proposed [K-8 A-F Accountability System](#) with the proposed business rule changes. With the exception of the business rule changes the Board retained the existing system in grades K-8 to provide consistency to the field.

The Board also adopted the proposed Alternative School A-F Accountability System which can be found [here](#).

The high school accountability system has yet to be decided. With 55 high schools administering an assessment from the Menu of Assessments in the 2018-2019 school year, calculating growth is technically and statistically challenging. The Board and the technical advisory committees value growth in the accountability system and so are taking additional time to research a possible growth measure. Simultaneously, the Board is soliciting public comment on three separate options through a survey that can be accessed [here](#). The survey also allows for an opportunity for input on possible growth measures.

Menu of Assessments

The Board is required to adopt a Menu of Assessments for grades 3-8 and grades 9-12. The Board is also required to establish a contract for assessments on the Menu. To that end, a request for proposals was posted in December 2018 to solicit bids.

Pursuant to statutory requirements, the Board approved third-party evaluators for the Menu of Assessments at the January Meeting. These evaluators, who remain confidential, are charged with ensuring potential assessments on the Menu are high quality, meet or exceed the level of rigor of the state academic standards and are scalable for accountability purposes.

Although the content of the evaluations is confidential, who responded to the solicitation is not. The vendors who responded to the RFP were, in no particular order: Curriculum Associates, LLC; Northwest Evaluation Association; ACT INC; Cambridge Assessment INC; NCS Pearson INC; Renaissance Learning INC; Riverside Assessments Holdings, LLC.

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The Board plans on awarding the contract for Menu at the February Board Meeting, establishing the Menu of Assessments for grades 3-8 and updating the Menu for grades 9-12.

Rulemaking

In order to ensure alignment to statute and the application for educator certification, the Board opened rulemaking on rules governing educator discipline at the December Board Meeting. Specifically, the proposed rules add a list of offenses found in statute that preclude individuals from receiving a fingerprint clearance card. With the proposed rule change, individuals convicted of those offenses will have their certification automatically denied or revoked. The application for certification will also be streamlined to ask more succinct questions regarding criminal history. The proposed rules can be viewed [here](#). Public comments may be submitted to inbox@azsbe.az.gov. The Board intends to adopt the proposed rules at the February Board meeting.

Discipline

Do not forget that the Board has established a tool that allows users to search discipline action taken against a certified educator in the last five years. The tool provides publicly available information and supporting documents on the action taken against the certified individual, including suspensions, revocations and denials. To use the tool please go to <https://azsbe.az.gov/teacher-certification-ppac> and click on the link on right labeled "Discipline Search".

The Board also reviewed data on educator discipline since 2012. The data includes the number of cases, the type of certificate held, the source of the report, and more. Click [here](#) to view the report.

Future Meetings

2019 Board schedule is posted online. Next Meeting is February 25, 2019. Meeting materials may be found [here](#). You can also follow us on Twitter @AzBoardEd and on Facebook @azstateboard.

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