

A-F Appeals: School/Community Events or Emergency

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What is an appeal for school/community events or emergency?

- Definition: Unexpected event(s) that negatively influenced student learning in the short or long-term. This may include environmental conditions, extenuating construction circumstances, temporary closures, threats of violence near or in the school, loss of internet access in the community, and so on.

How does the A-F Appeals Committee review an appeal for school/community events or emergency?

The Committee reviews the information gathered and submitted by the school and considers the questions on the next slide.

The school may or may not be asked to appear for a question and answer session. These questions will be identified and provided prior to the appearance.

A-F Appeals Committee recommendations are provided to the Board for action at the December Board meeting.



Considerations A-F Appeals Committee Members make

- How is the timing or event related to A-F results?
- What response did the school take?
- What is the school's A-F historical performance?



General Example

At the beginning of the school year, the main road into town is washed out and must undergo months of repair, impacting transportation to and from school by about an hour each way. The school sees a significant decline in attendance rates, as well as instructional time, due to an additional two hours of commuting time for many students.

Supporting Evidence:

- Previous A-F accountability results
- Attendance records
- Transportation logs
- Notifications sent to community members
 - News articles/videos



Specific Example: K-8 School

During the state testing window, repeated suspicious activities of luring students, including students being assaulted, occurred around the school and its surrounding community. The school engaged with police and additional security staff to mitigate anxieties and fears.

Students, staff and families were on high alert.

Supporting Evidence:

- Links to media reports
- Historical A-F results
- Notifications to community regarding events and mitigating actions
 - Testing schedule

Outcome:

Approval



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