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Below are highlights of the April 23, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. The Board is seeking public input on two important topics so please read the highlights carefully and submit your comments to inbox@azsbe.az.gov. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

2016-2017 A-F Letter Grades Released

The Board released 2016-2017 A-F Letter Grades on Monday. To view the 2016-2017 A-F letter grades please go to the Board's [website](#) and click on the spreadsheet. Additional information on A-F Letter Grades can be found in the tab at the bottom of the page labeled "A-F Toolkit".

2017-2018 A-F Letter Grades

In response to public comment and changes required pursuant to federal law, the Board has modeled several changes to the 2017-2018 A-F Accountability System and has put them out for public comment. To review the proposed changes, click [here](#) and go to Item #5B.

To comply with federal law, the proposed changes include: 1) moving AIMS Science proficiency out of the Proficiency Indicator and include it as a bonus point(s) instead; 2) including all seniors not just graduating seniors in the College and Career Readiness Indicator; and 3) modifying the A-F System to account for the requirement for 95% tested.

Based on public feedback, the Board is investigating the following: 1) lowering the n-count (the minimum number of students necessary to include data in the letter grade calculation); 2) modifying the weights within the growth indicator; and 3) establishing confidence intervals for chronic absenteeism and English language learner proficiency.

As with the development of the 2016-2017 A-F Accountability System, public comment plays a crucial role in the Board's decisions regarding the 2017-2018 A-F Accountability System. Public comment can be provided at inbox@azsbe.az.gov with the subject line: "Public Comment – A-F".

The Board plans to take action on the 2017-2018 Accountability System based on additional modeling and public feedback at the May 21, 2018 Board meeting.

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Menu of Assessments

The Menu of Assessments, which allows schools to select a qualifying assessment to administer in lieu of the statewide assessment, is available for high schools in the 2018-2019 school year and for K-8 schools in the 2019-2020 school year. The Board is developing policies and technical assistance for the field to implement the Menu of Assessments and is seeking public input to aid in the development of these items. Please provide comment at inbox@azsbe.az.gov with the subject line: "Public Comment – Menu of Assessments"

Based on cooperation with stakeholders and the Arizona Department of Education, and public feedback the Board will finalize the Menu of Assessments policy and technical assistance materials at the May 21, 2018 Board meeting.

Teacher Pay and K-12 Funding

Due to the crucial role teachers play in students' success, the Board expressed support for the Governor's efforts to increase teacher pay and provide additional resources for K-12 education. The full statement can be viewed [here](#).

Discipline

As a reminder, the Board has made available 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".

Future Meetings

At its next meeting on May 21, 2018, the Board anticipates taking action on the 2017-2018 A-F Accountability System and finalizing the policies and technical assistance for the Menu of Assessments.

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