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Below are highlights of the February 26, Board Meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

A-F 2016-2017 School Year Update

At the January meeting, the Board voted to take various actions, found [here](#), to refine the 2016-2017 Accountability System. Currently, the Arizona Department of Education is in the process of updating ADEConnect which it anticipates will be ready for review by the end of March.

The Department's Accountability Office has addressed issues submitted during the data and coding validation period that are within its purview. Regarding appeals, the Board's A-F Appeals Committee will meet in April to issue a recommendation to the full Board. The Board anticipates finalizing the 2016-2017 letter grades in April.

A-F 2017-2018 School Year and Future Iterations

The Board directed staff to study and model several items that were put on hold or that the Board or the public has expressed interest in examining for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school year.

This includes studying and modelling the potential inclusion of additional indicators in future A-F Accountability Systems (found [here](#) on page 90). In addition to the listed items, the Board also requested study of the Arts, Character Education and Reporting out Subgroups, specifically for English Language Learners.

Additionally, the Board is seeking further investigation into other items, including the following:

- How to retain the science assessment in the A-F Accountability System;
- Weights for growth and proficiency; both within the indicators and within the A-F Accountability System as a whole;
- Modifying the Accountability System to accommodate the Menu of Assessments; and
- Lowering the n-count.

The entire list can be viewed [here](#), beginning on page 90.

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Finally, the Board directed staff to prioritize the various A-F models outlined in statute and federal law (i.e. school districts, online schools, alternative schools) for Board action. All of these items will be studied and modelled within the timeline that the Board adopted at the February meeting.

Menu of Assessments

To provide additional flexibility to schools, the State Board of Education has adopted a menu of locally procured achievement assessments for grades 9-12, referred to as the Menu of Assessments, to measure pupil achievement of the state academic standards. Schools will be able to select an assessment from the Menu in lieu of the statewide assessment.

Pursuant to state statute, the assessments on the Menu must: 1) be high quality; 2) meet or exceed the level of rigor of the state academic standards; and 3) be able to be scaled for accountability purposes (A.R.S.15-741.02).

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, school districts and charter schools will be able to choose an assessment from the Menu to administer to high school students in lieu of the statewide assessment.

To view the Menu of Assessments, related policies and procedures and other information regarding the Menu of Assessments, please click [here](#) and go to page 93. Additional information will be posted on the Board's website.

Discipline Search Tool

The Board has developed 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".

Certification Rules

The Board holds regular public hearings on open rules governing educator certification. To view the rules, submit public comment or attend a public hearing, please visit the Board's website at <https://azsbe.az.gov/rules>.

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