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UPDATES FROM THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A-F LETTER GRADES - TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Review of the A-F Accountability Plan - The Board has appointed a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and directed the TAC to: 1) review the A-F Accountability Plan, business rules and impact data; 2) identify any problematic issues found; and 3) comprehensively report on its findings at the December 4, 2017 meeting.

Non-typical school configurations - Under the Board's direction, the TAC will also meet to review methodologies on single letter grades for schools with non-typical school configurations, model data, and discuss options for the Board to consider at its December 4, 2017 meeting.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Regarding appeals, the A-F Appeals Committee will meet to review appeals that are not related to data or coding concerns and provide a recommendation to the Board.

DATA REVIEW PERIOD

A-F Accountability System – Review Period Opened for Data and Coding Issues

The Board has approved a review period for schools to submit data and/or coding issues related to school letter grades.

- Requests for review will be accepted between October 24th and November 3rd to the Board's email inbox at inbox@azsbe.az.gov. Please include the subject line "(School Name) Data and Coding Validation" in the email. Schools submitting a request for a review of data and/or coding issues should provide:
 - School name;
 - Entity ID number;
 - Description of the specific data or coding issue; and
 - Supporting documentation, if appropriate.
- Schools that identified data or coding issues in an appeal that was submitted during the embargo period do not need to submit an additional review request.

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- Please note that schools that are currently identified as "Under Review" or that submitted an appeal during the embargo period, *and did not identify data or coding issues in an appeal*, must submit an additional submission to the Board's email inbox as outlined above.

Board staff will confirm receipt of the submission within 72 hours and coordinate with the Arizona Department of Education to address the issue. A detailed list of findings, including a list of schools who are eligible for grade changes, will be reported to the Board at the December 4, 2017 meeting for possible additional action.

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

The Board is still accepting public feedback on the A-F Accountability System through: 1) the Board's email inbox at inbox@azsbe.az.gov; 2) a survey which may be found at <https://azsbe.az.gov/a-f-feedback-survey>; and 3) Open Houses hosted at the Board's Offices on October 27th, October 30th and October 31st from 9:00 A.M. to noon and on November 6th from noon to 5:00 P.M.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT - END OF COURSE

The current contract for AzMERIT expires on November 2, 2018. The Board has the option to renew the contract, modify the contract or consider a request for proposal process to obtain proposals from testing vendors.

- The Board is seeking input from the field specifically related to whether the state should retain end of course testing in high school or adopt one summative assessment.

Please submit input to the Board's email inbox at inbox@azsbe.az.gov with the subject line: "Feedback on Statewide Assessment".

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