

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

Johnson

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE March 25, 2013

SUBJECT: A-F Letter Grade Accountability System

SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Carrie L. Giovannone

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Thursday, March 7, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following proposed recommendations were presented to the State Board of Education for adjustments to the A-F Letter Grade accountability system on February 25, 2013:

- Revised Pooling Method
 - Introduce a new pooling method that will encapsulate additional students in the calculation and promote statistical stability.
- Arizona Online Instruction full academic year (FAY) indicator
 - Present criteria that more accurately describes a FAY student for AOI schools. A threshold to meet these criteria will be recommended for all AOIs which would determine if the school would be graded in one of our A-F Letter Grade models or receive a not rated (NR) for an insufficient amount of data.
- Arizona Online Instruction Inclusion Policy
 - Present criteria to be adopted by the State Board that would determine if an AOI school will be included the A-F Letter Grade accountability system or be listed as an 'NR' school.
- "Falls Far Below" (FFB) Reduction Points
 - In order to balance the impact of additional points for schools ineligible to receive dropout points, FFB reduction points will be introduced in the Traditional, Alternative, and Small Schools A-F Letter Grade models.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:**

State Board rulings on the above items.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]