

# **K-20 ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT**

## **February Project Update**

### **OBJECTIVES:**

The Florida Board of Education directed the Secretary to develop a project plan and timeline for the recommendation of K-20 performance measures, standards, measurements, reporting, and rewards and sanctions linked to performance. The project is designed to build on Florida's current legislative framework and accountability systems.

The following project objectives have been established:

- Appoint an advisory council to make recommendations to the Secretary and Florida Board of Education.
- Recommend performance measures to assess progress towards goals in legislation and adopted by the Florida Board of Education.
- Develop standards that identify institutional performance levels and improvement or lack thereof.
- Recommend the adoption or development of measurement and data systems necessary to measure and report performance in valid and reliable ways.
- Identify process for providing assistance to institutions performing below standards.
- Identify performance incentives and sanctions linked to performance.
- Recommend a user-friendly performance reporting system for institutions, policymakers and for the general public.

## PROCESS UPDATE:

- **Advisory Council Appointments**

Invitations were extended and the following people have agreed to serve:

Higher Education Accountability	Dr. Larry Abele Provost, FSU
Boards of Trustees	Dr. James Corbin FAMU Board of Trustees Member  Rev. Bill Thornton Okaloosa-Walton Community College District Board of Trustees Member
Institutional President	Ed Massey President, IRCC  Dr. Judy Genshaft President, USF
Students	Anthony Roeder TCC Student Representative
CEPRI	Mr. Edwin Moore President and CEO, James Madison Institute
Council of 100	Lenny Miller Lennar Corp.
One Florida Accountability Commission	Dr. Lawrence Morehouse Florida Education Fund
Former Board of Regent	Steve Uhlfelder Attorney
Workforce Development	Linda M. Cooke Member of Workforce Innovation Board
Independent Education Sector	Donna Shalala President, University of Miami
Public School Superintendent	Jim Warford Superintendent, Marion County Schools
PTSA	Jerome Showers Florida PTA Region II Representative

School Board Member	Judie Budnick Vice Chairperson, Broward County School Board
Florida Chamber of Commerce	Dennis Grady President, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches
Floridians for School Choice	Patrick Heffernan
Faculty Senate Representative	Dr. Clifford K. Madsen Distinguished Professor, Florida State University
Teacher	Henry Brown III 2001 Florida Teacher of the Year
School Readiness Partnership	Kathryne Kamiya Executive Director
Testing and measurement	Dr. Tom Fisher Florida Department of Education
Legislator	Representative Dennis Baxley Florida House of Representatives

- **Council Meetings**

The first meeting of the Accountability Advisory Council will be Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in 1703/07, Turlington Building. Agenda items will include:

- Project Overview and Charge to the Council
- Key Accountability Components in Florida's Education System
  - Standards
  - School Performance Grades
  - K-20 Assessment Instruments
- Comparison with Similar States and Emerging Research
- Progress Measures for Florida's Four Statutory Goals
  - Highest Student Achievement
  - Seamless Articulation and Maximum Access
  - Skilled Workforce and Economic Development
  - Quality Efficient Services
- Appropriate Levels for Performance Measures (i.e., legislature, Florida Board, chancellors, and individual universities, community colleges, and schools)
- Deliberation of Project Scope and Expectations
- Future Steps and Resource Needs

Council members will be divided into four workgroups representing the four statutory goals. Each workgroup will have key staff and outside experts to call on for assistance (described below).

To accommodate individual member schedules, dates for three to four additional meetings will be determined at the Council at its first meeting.

- **Accountability Staff Resource Team**

An Accountability Resource Team was established to provide the Council high quality information and research on accountability system components and measures. The team includes staff with backgrounds in assessment, measurement and accountability from each of the delivery systems. The resource team has been organized into work teams that match the four Council workgroups.

The resource team will also consider additional goals for presentation to the Council, including but not limited to; No Child Left Behind, nursing shortages, and teacher education issues.

Since January 31, 2002, the resource team has been meeting weekly, with each of the work teams meeting as needed.