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WHAT'S NEW

Moving Forward:

With the recent release of the A-F Report Cards, questions have been raised related to how School Improvement Designations are impacted by a site's letter grade. According to Oklahoma's ESEA Flexibility Waiver signed on July 28, 2015, the only School Improvement Designation determined by the A-F Report Card would be the Priority Designation (schools who receive an "F" on their report card). These are sites that demonstrate low student achievement and/or growth as it relates to the EOI or OCCT assessments. The full definition of Priority School Designation can be found on page 78 of Oklahoma's ESEA Flexibility Wavier.

The 2015 Oklahoma ESEA Flexibility Waiver also defines Focus Designations. Beginning on page 90 of our ESEA Flexibility Waiver, Focus School identification is based on the closing gaps the achievement between disadvantaged subgroups. The A-F Report Card does not influence a school's Focus Designation status. Focus Designations are based on student performance in reading and math assessments as well as graduation rates for disadvantaged subgroups. Schools currently designated as Focus may still exit the status by achieving their AMOs for two consecutive years. This year the Oklahoma ESEA Flexibility Waiver outlines the new AMO guidelines with the goal to set achievable and ambitious goals for the State's districts and sites. This new formula is designed to be a true school improvement model with the goal of decreasing the number of students scoring limited knowledge and unsatisfactory by 50% by the 2019-2020 school year.

The Office of Accountability is currently in the process of determining preliminary designations based on all sites' finalized student achievement data in accordance with Oklahoma's approved ESEA Flexibility Waiver. Based on the USDE ESEA Guidelines, Oklahoma must identify at least 60 schools with a Priority Designation and at least 120 schools with a Focus Designation. Once SY15 designations are released, districts and sites who feel their designation is inaccurate due to mitigating circumstances beyond the district's control or a statistical anomaly unrelated to the true performance of a school have two weeks to appeal to the OSDE Designation Appeals Committee. Once designations have been finalized by the OSDE, the Office of School Support will send out information related to the timeline of the Single Sign-On Report, the Focus Designation SMART Goal template, and any updated information regarding the new School Wide/School Improvement application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of School Support for any questions or concerns.

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SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following schools with a SY14 Priority Designation who positively impacted student achievement and showed an increase on their SY15 Report Card.

01- Adair County Greasy ES Peavine ES Stilwell ES Westville ES

03- Atoka County McCall MS Caney ES

08- Caddo County Mission ES

10- Carter County Charles Evans ES Healdton ES

11- Cherokee County Briggs PS Cherokee Immersion Charter Hulbert ES

Lowery ES

12- Choctaw County Hugo MS

19- Creek County Liberty ES Virgil Cooper MS Olive HS Sapulpa PS

21- Delaware County
Oaks Mission ES

24- Garfield County Coolidge ES Garfield ES Longfellow MS

25- Garvin County Paoli ES

27-Grant County Hunter MS

31- Haskell County Keota ES

33- Jackson County Blair ES Eldorado ES Eldorado HS

34- Jefferson County Ringling JHS 35- Johnston County Mannsville PS Milburn ES Ravia PS

36- Kay County Peckham PS Newkirk-Braman ES

37- Kingfisher County

Dover ES

40- LeFlore County Cameron ES Monroe PS Shady Point PS

41-Lincoln County White Rock PS

42- Logan County Crescent ES Crescent MS

46- Mayes County Chouteau ES Chouteau-Mazie EC Center Wickliffe PS

48- McCurtain County Glover PS Central ES

49- McIntosh County Hanna ES

51- Muskogee County Whittier ES Wainwright PS

52- Noble County Billings HS

53-Nowata County South Coffeyville ES

54- Ofuskee County Bearden ES Graham ES Graham HS Paden ES Weleetka JHS 55- Oklahoma County **Bodine ES** Capitol Hill ES Ceasar Chavez ES Centennial MS Centennial HS Council Grove ES Crooked Oak MS Crutcho PS **Douglass HS Douglass MS Edwards ES Emerson Alternative** F.D. Moon ES **Gatewood ES Greystone UES** Haves ES Jefferson MS John Marshall MS Kaiser ES Lee ES **Luther ES** Luther HS Mayfield MS Millwood ES Monroe ES Prairie Queen ES **Rockwood ES** Rogers MS Santa Fe South ES Seeworth Academy Shidler ES Southern Hills ES **Telstar ES** Winds West ES

56- Okmulgee County Okmulgee HS Schulter ES

57- Osage County Avant PS Hominy EC Center Osage Hills PS

58- Ottawa County Wyandotte MS

60- Payne County Yale JHS

61- Pittsburg County Haileyville HS Haywood PS

63- Pottawatomie County Earlsboro ES Earlsboro HS Maud ES Wanette ES Wanette HS 64- Pushmataha County Moyers ES Nashoba

66- Rogers County Foyil ES ____ Foyil JHS

67-Seminole County Butner HS Justice PS Strother ES Wewoka MS

69- Stephens County Woodrow Wilson ES Empire JHS

70- Texas County
Optima PS

71- Tillman County Davidson ES

72- Tulsa County Bell ES **Briarglen ES Boevers ES Central JHS ECDC Porter Emerson ES Eugene Field ES Grimes ES** Hale JHS Hale HS **Hamilton ES** Hawthorne ES Jackson ES Kendall-Whittier ES Kerr ES Lindbergh ES MacArthur ES Mark Twain ES McAuliffe ES McLain JHS Northwoods Fine Arts Academy Park ES Remington ES Sankofa MS Skelly ES Springdale ES

Traice HS

Tulsa Met HS

SPOTLIGHT

How Do We Really Know If Our Students Are Actually Learning?

Each spring, schools across the state anxiously await the results of their standardized assessments. ...Wishing...Wondering...Worrying...

One process that can drastically lessen this anxiety is using Formative Assessments.

Classrooms that utilize formative assessments in daily lessons have accurate information to modify instruction to meet the needs of all students. This process is like having a running record of all your students on any given standard. When instruction is procedural or involves a skill, strategy or process, informal formative assessments embedded in lessons do not interrupt the flow. In fact, students may not even be aware that you are assessing!

In order to maximize student learning benefits of formative assessment, professional learning communities or grade level/content teams may work together to refine strategies that are used throughout the formative assessment process.

The following links may provide you additional information as you begin your formative assessment journey.

http://ati.pearson.com/downloads/afldefined.pdf

http://hssdnewteachers.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/50394085/Classroom.Assessment.for.Learning. Chappuis.pdf

https://wvde.state.wv.us/teach21/ExamplesofFormativeAssessment.html

http://www.d11.org/Instruction/plc/Documents/HOE Bailey-GettingStartedwCFA-CFF303.pdf

UPDATE

School Improvement Status Report (SISR)

The School Improvement Status Report (SISR) is currently being renovated so that it will include more pre-populated data. As of right now it is not available for sites to input information. We will be letting sites know new due dates because of this delay. Thank you for your patience!

UPDATE

Transitioning to the Schoolwide/School Improvement Plan

Please note upcoming webinar dates that will have information for the transition to the Schoolwide/School Improvement Plan:

Wednesday, December 9th 10am Tuesday, December 15th 10am Wednesday, January 6th 10am Thursday, January 28th 10am

You can register here: https://oksdeevents.webex.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 10th

Closing the Opportunity Gap (Postponed - More information to come) Free Professional Development

November 11th

OSDE Office Closed - Veteran's Day

November 26th-27th

OSDE Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

We hope everyone has a safe and restful Thanksgiving break!!!