

State Board supports dashboard approach to report cards

At the request of Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington), the State Board of Education's Report Card Stakeholder Workgroup reviewed H.B. 591 – legislation aimed at replacing Ohio's A-F state report cards with one that features a dashboard of school and district performance data.

Although the workgroup did not endorse the bill, it did express support for adding to its recommendations adoption of a dashboard of data compliant with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

The workgroup's recommendations will be considered by the Accountability & Continuous Improvement Committee before being considered by the full board. Ultimately, responsibility for overhauling state report cards lies with the legislature, which will likely consider the State Board's recommendations.

"This conversation doesn't end," said board Vice President Nancy Hollister. "It continues."

Duffey, who introduced the bill earlier this year, viewed his work in drafting H.B. 591 as an important step toward overhauling state report cards with no expectation that it would be approved by the General Assembly before year end. His stated intent was to reach broad consensus on most of the issues under consideration, leaving the tougher issues to be addressed by the new governor and the next General Assembly.

