

## ***State Board creates DOPR work group***

At its April meeting, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to create a work group to study dropout prevention and recovery (DOPR) charter schools, the state DOPR report card, full-time equivalency standards, facility use, blended learning requirements and credit flexibility regulations.

“I think there’s a huge need for these types of schools and we should be learning about what’s working for the most successful ones and using that to guide our policy,” said District 5 board member Lisa Woods, who proposed the resolution to create the DOPR panel.

Creation of the work group is the result of concerns expressed by DOPR stakeholders, in part due to proposed administrative rules that fail to consider the significant challenges DOPR students and schools face. Administrative rules proposed by ODE last year – and submitted to the State Board for consideration and approval – would have significantly impacted DOPR school performance as measured by state report cards.

Beyond Woods and District 8 representative John Hagan – who serve as vice chair and chair of the State Board’s Assessment and Accountability Committee, respectively – work group members have not been named. The resolution passed by the board to create the panel calls for a minimum of four representatives of DOPR schools and one representative of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office to serve as members.